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Officer killed Families leave Ras al-Amud in Lebanon

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

First-Lt. 21, Kibbutz Ashdor Ya'acov Meuhad was killed and three soldiers lightly wounded when 13 IDF and South Lebanese Army positions throughout the security zone came under heavy bombardment yesterday morning.

forces pounded IDF and SLA

artillery, and rocket fire. Shimoni.

Minning (III positions with intensive mortar,

Shortly before dawn. Hizbullah

Eyal Shimoni

Adir, 19, were lightly wounded. Ilem and Ben-Adir were evacuated to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in

missile

Merkava tank, set out

to assist an SLA posi-

tion north of Rehan.

The tank received a

direct hit by a Sager

Shimoni was mortally

wounded by shrapnel and two other soldiers

in the tank, Yuval Ilem,

21, and Shahar Ben-

See LEBANON, Page 15

PM conveys condolences to Egypt over terror attack

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday conveyed his condo-lences to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak over the death of 10 peo-ple, most of them German tourists, in an attack on a tour bus in Cairo by suspected Moslem terrorists.

scratch disease "All Israeli citizens join in Egypt's grief over the terrorist attack against innocent people," Netanyahu said in a message, "All enlightened governments in the world should join in fighting the malignant scourge of terrorism that threatens us all."

Foreign Minister David Levy also sent condolences to his German and

Egyptian counterparts, Klaus Kinkel and Amr Moussa, asking that they convey the sympathy of the government and people of Israel to the families of the victims and hoping for the speedy recovery of the wounded. Full story, Page 6



Police officers remove Peace Now demonstrators from a rooftop in Ras al-Amud before the families moved out later yesterday evening.

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and JAY BUSHINSKY

After four days and a full night of discussions, a compromise reached yesterday brought about the peaceful evacuation of the Jewish families from Ras al-Amud

The agreement, signed by Dr. Irving Moskowitz, who owns the building that was occupied, and Shimon Gaznov said he and five

PA rejects deal, Page 2

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, called for the three families - 15 people - to vacate immediately.

They were to be replaced today by 10 yeshiva students, and another 10 security and maintenance men will join them at oight. The families left at 10 last night.

slipping out a side door. As they drove away in vans, dozens of peace activists demonstrated outide, shouting: "No deal!" and We don't want war!"

Several firebombs were thrown at the building, apparently by Arab protesters, causing no damage or njuries, police said.

The families have left," said Hagit Harel, a spokeswoman for the group. The people who remained "are here to guard the property and make renovations, because at some point the families will come back here. This is only

colleagues planned to get to work today on putting up partitions and laying ceramic tiles. "We're here because we believe

in it," said Gaznov. Settler spokesman Matti Dan praised the deal, saying it didn't much matter whether three Jewish families or 10 single yeshiva students stayed.

See FAMILIES, Page 15

Terms of agreement

These are the terms of the agreement as announced by the Internal Security Ministry spokesman and circulated by the Government Press Office.

 The families will voluntar-ly leave the houses at Ras al-Amud at this time. Ten people will remain behind in the houses to pro-tect and maintain the proper-

· Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to derogate the rights to said hous-

es, their maintenance or use.
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will derogate the legal
authority of the government and its delegates from acting in accordance with the needs of public order and security.



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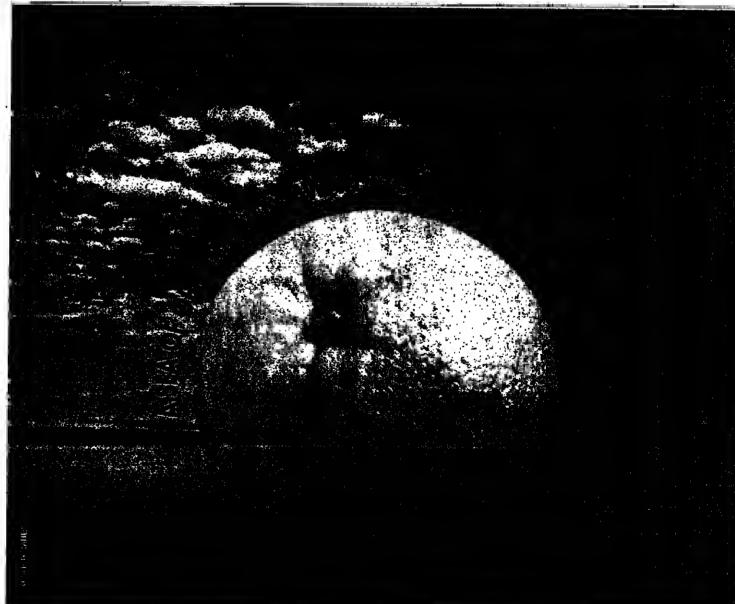


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Two die on roads

Three-year-old Wahil Bin Mustafa Hajouj was struck and killed yesterday by a car in his village near Acre. Police officials said the toddler had wandered outside his family's yard and crossed a road, when a car driven by a 27-year-old woman struck him.

Haya Baruch of Kiryat Yam, 45, died after her car struck a tree in the town's IDF Square shortly after midnight yesterday. She died later in Rambam Hospital.

Police source: Schwartz was not kidnapped

Ya'acov Schwartz, the 63-year-old Bnei Brak man found tied up in a hurning abandoned huilding in Ashkelon last Friday, was not a kidnap victim, a senior source in the Lachish District police said yesterday. He said the police reached this conclusions because of contradictory versions of events provided by family members and because these versions did not match the physical evidence. Itim

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Car thefts rose by 30% in 1997 over last year to 37,377, according to police and insurance officials meeting in Ra'anana yesterday. Most popular are Subarus, Mitsubishia and Fiats. In 1992, 40% of the cars were not recovered. Today the figure is 66%. A police spokesman said that most of the cars go to the Palestinian Authority.

Mandela to receive honorary BGU doctorate

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev will today award an honorary doctorate to South African President Nelson Mandela in a cereinony in Cape Town, to be attended by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and university president Prof. Avishai Braverman, a university statement said. Jerusalem Post Staff

GSS: Hamas cell planned to kidnap mayor

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The General Security Service a Hamas cell accused of planning an attack on the Jerusalem Shopping Mall in Malha, and of plotting to kidnap Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and another unnamed public figure, Channel 1 reported last night.

Two suspects are from Jerusalem and four are from the West Bank. They were reportedly arrested a day before they planned to carry out the Malha attack with weapons in their possession. The army said they were arrested on August 19. Some cell members were caught

after checking out the mall while carrying bags with nails to test security there. They led the GSS to other gang members, reports said. The cell was believed responsi-

hle for a bomh attack on Neveh Sha'anan Street near the old Tel Aviv bus station in January, which wounded 12 people.

It was also believed connected to

the so-called Tzurif Cell whose members were accused of carrying out the Apropo cafe bombing in has arrested six armed members of Tel Aviv on March 21, killing three women and the bomber.

The two Jerusalem gang members have already been charged in the Lod Military Court, the television said. They were charged with planning to attack the mall and kidnap Olmert, and apparently also in connection with the Neveh

Sha'anan bombing.

Jerusalem Police Chief Yair Yitzhaki said that Olmert and the other targeted personality had been on special watch for the past month, Itim reported.

Security was also reinforced recently at the Malha mall. Many guards were stationed, and in addition, strict searches were carried out with the help of electronic devices, outside the entrances to the larger chain stores and at some

Itim reported that undercover guards have also been stationed in crowded areas of the mall.

PA officials: Jews must leave Ras al-Amud

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority Cabinet met last night to discuss the arrangement reached by Israel to resolve the Ras al-Amud crisis as Palestinian officials, raising the prospect of violence, rejected any deal that allows Jews in the Jerusalem neighbor-

"There is a limit to all patience," PA chief Yasser Arafat said.

There is no doubt that these events will cause a dangerous situation in the region."

Arafat demanded the evacuation of all Jews from the building bought in Ras al-Amud. He said Otherwise this would represent another type of Jewish settlement, which he termed a "gross violation of the agreements [with Israel]."

Islamic and nationalist groups issued a call to Palestinians last night to arrive in Ras al-Amud after mosque prayers today for what they said would be massive protests against the Jewish pres-

ence in the area. "This is not a compromise," Faisal Husseini, PA minister

This merely turns the building into a religious seminary." PA officials warned Israel that Palestinians might riot today after mosque prayers this after-noon unless all of the Jews were evacuated from the building. Palestinian radio and newspapers raised their rhetoric to a nearly fever pitch, calling for Moslems

and Arabs to join in the defense

of Jerusalem. "This will be a long war that will exact a high toll," an editorial in the PA-controlled Al Flayat al-Jadida said.

"Netanyahu knows what will be the exient of expected casualties from this war but he cominues. The spark of this war could be set today or next year,"

But privately PA sources said they were not interested in a violent confrontation with Israel. Marwan Kanafani, aide to

Arafat, said he still hopes the problem will eventually be solved to the satisfaction of the Palestinians. "I think Netanyahu is creating a

problem but we hope he will solve this issue before confrontations and anger take place," he said. "We want to say that

responsible for Jerusalem, said. Netanyahu has the political and moral responsibility to put an end to this matter by evacuating the building and return to serious discussions with President Arafat to reach an agreement in the negotiations."

The Palestinian Legislative Council ended its session yesterday with a call for an investigation into the death of Marwan Ma'ali, a Palestinian held in adnuinistrative detention and found dead on Tuesday. Palestinian and human rights organizations allege that the 31year-old Ma'ali was tortured.

Ma'ali, a father of three, was arrested on August 4 following the suicide bombings in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market. He was served with an administrative detention order for two months and was not allowed to receive visits from his family.

In a joint statement by the Addameer Association and the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, Ma'ali was said to have been ill. They said Israeli authorities were negligent in its treatment of him.

An IDF spokesman said Ma'ali was found hanging in his cell.

Barak

slams Ras

al-Amud

deal

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Opposition leader Ehud Barak

yesterday rejected the Ras al-Amud compromise for permitting

settlers to remain at the site, and

accused the government of caving

Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu briefed Barak on the

the compromise yesterday after-

Barak said that if those who would remain in the building were

police, border police or municipal

inspectors, then that, would mean

that the government has regained

"Bul if they are yeshiva stu-

dents, then the situation hasn't changed and the government has

caved in to the dictates of extrem-

ists, which is very dangerous,"

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Tickets ending in 34,70, and 60 won NIS 30. Tickets ending in 97 and 81 won NIS 20, and tickets ending in 0 and 7 won NIS 10.



Irving Moskowitz's lawyers Dan Avi-Yitzhak and Eitan Geva before the High Court session concerning Ras al-Amud

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Deal brought to court

Irving Moskowitz was absent sonable not to uphold their right to when his petition came up in the use the property. High Court of Justice yesterday. So were the nine persons renting the Ras al-Amud apartments who had joined him in the petition to ask that the police not evict them.

Instead, attorneys Dan Avi-Yitzhak and Eitan Geva presented

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It is the Jewish State of Israel!!!

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Justice Theodor Or asked if a compromise could be worked out. A

the case, arguing that it was unrea-

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short while later, settler spokesman Matti Dan came rushing into the courtroom: "An agreement has been reached. We will maintain a Jewish presence at Ras al-Amud, albeit a slightly smaller one." Batsheva Tsur

GSS and police, and prevent the inhabitation of Ras al-Amud before it started, for reasons of very real danger to public safety."

"I hope what is called a compromise will not cause an explosion which will cost human lives and chances for peace," he added.

Barak said.

Barak said

Meretz party leader MK Yossi Sarid called the deal "a rotten compromise which must not be accepted."

Sarid also asked the State Comptroller . to examine the amount of money Netanyahu received from Irving Moskowitz in past years to determine whether the Florida millionaire had undue

influence over the prime minister. Sarid also asked for a probe into how much money Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani received Moskowitz, alleging "it appears as though Moskowitz took a fortune out of his pocket so that he could put the three of them in his

pocket." National Infrastructures Minister Ariel Sharon accused the government of caving in to Palestinian pressure.

Barak meanwhile said he agreed to meet Third Way leaders on Sunday to discuss their proposal for a national unity government. But Barak didn't give the idea much chances of heing carried

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accused the WJRO of delaying

Benjamin Meed, head of the

The Swiss government bas no direct role in allocating the fund.

Meed, who has been promoted

to the fund's seven-member

executive, took the seat originally planned for Nobel Laureate

appointment this week, the seat

was beld temporarily by WJC

The fund, which was legally

established by the Swiss govern-

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Swiss Francs 170 million donat-

ed by Swiss banks and indus-

The fund is ruo by the Swiss-

Jewish executive and council,

president Edgar Bronfman.

American survivors organization, also gave Defago a private-ly published registry of snr-

aid to survivors.

vivors in the US.

Israel secretly obtained a Russian SS-21 groundto-ground missile warhead from Czech intelligence earlier this year, according to a complaint filed with Prague's district attorney.

According to the anonymous complaint, the conventional warhead was lent by the Czechs to Israel without the knowledge of the Czech army unit responsible for the equipment. It was later returned without incident.

Prague district attorney Jindra Janacova said he has decided to launch an investigation although anonymous complaints are usually not acted upon. The complaint said the SS-21 warhead was lent to Israel on the basis of a secret agreement between

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The World

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has given the Swiss government a list of 12,000 Holocaust sur-

vivors in Eastern Europe expect-.

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ity for the fund, Israel Singer, secretary-general of the World Jewish Coogress, banded two

thick books of names of sur-

vivors, from 14 European states,

to Switzerland's ambassador to

the US, Alfred Defago on

Meeting at the Swiss Consulate in New York, Singer

and Defago made brief state-

ments, but declined to answer

reporters' questions. It was

implied, bowever, that the

12,000 survivors would receive

\$1,000 each. Payments theoreti-

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Eastern Europe, working with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Swiss government believes that

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Beneficiaries to be first recipients

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Israel and Czech intelligence services to examine the combat qualities of Russian equipment in the arsenals of Israel's Arab enemies.

The Prague oewspaper Pravo said according to the agreement the Czecbs should have been present during the Israeli disassembly of the warhead. The newspaper said if the allegation was true it would seriously threaten the defense capability of the Czech Republic and those Czechs responsible for the transaction could be charged with espionage.

Czech officials have dismissed the complaint. Defeose Minister Miloslav Vyborny called the story

mere speculation.

Here in Israel, the defense ministry did not reply to requests from The Jerusalem Post for a com-

Swiss given 12,000 New book on Dakar sub banned who need assistance

Jerusalem Post Staff

Tel Aviv District Court yesterday temporarily banned the sale of a book about the disappearance of quickly as possible. Therefore. the Dakar submarine after state prosecutors claimed it endangered we are looking toward a distribution of these funds without furnational security.

Hundreds of copies of the book were ordered off bookstore shelves. Author Col. (Res.) Mike Eldar said police searched his house and confiscated several copies of the book as well as other documents.

At a press conference Wednesday Eldar demanded that an independent commission investigate the sub's disappearance as there had been no concerted effort to find the craft which went missing in 1968 with 69 crew members aboard.

The IDF Spokesman, comment-Elie Wiesel, who declined to participate. Before Meed's ing on Eldar's claims, said that both the IDF and the Navy were "sorry about the cynical use of the feelings of the Dakar victims' families to advance sales of his book." Stories about the press conference were censored by the IDF until today.

In the book, Eldar says there is increasing evidence that shortly before its disappearance, the Dakar, on its maiden voyage, changed course for Egyptian waters. The Dakar was carrying a new piece of which agreed at its first meeting, equipment that was supposed to on July 7, to release SF 17 miller detect enemy radar systems, and lion to needy Jewish and non-the sub's commander may have Jewish Nazi victims in Eastern decided to test it off the Egyptian

Assad praises Albright Assad yesterday praised US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright for her efforts to get peace talks back on track, but he rebuked Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn for "closing

the doors" to negotiations. Speaking after two hours of talks with Egypoan President Hosni Mubarak, Assad said Albright's tour of the region was filled with good intentions. "She wants to push the peace process forward, but desire is one thing

ALEXANDRIA - Syrian President Hafez and the ability to implement fairly is another,"

Syrian President Hafez Assad (left) meets with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria yesterday.

There is nothing going on that makes us optimistic and this is not new. We have not been optimistic since Netanyahu came to power," he added. "He is slamming the door in the face of everybody wbo wants peace."

"We are demanding that the peace process resume from where it ended," Assad also said. "It is not the right of the new government to cancel what the previous government agreed

Mubarak said Egypt was upset with the Netanyahu government's treatment of the

"We are not happy with Israeli actions on the Palestinian issue, the destruction of Palestinian homes, its failure to implement the agreements, and its use of force to confiscate land," Mubarak said, "All these issues cause anxiety and hold up the peace process."

Dudu Topaz

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

As a prelude to the new season for his variety show on Channel 2. Dudu Topaz, king of the TV ratings game, got hitched yesterday for the second time.

In a twilight ceremony at the ancient synagogue atop Masada, Topaz took school teacher Roni Chen for his bride in the presence of family and elose-frieods -

mostly showbiz people.

The whole affair including a lavish dairy reception at the Hyatt Regency oo the Dead Sea was a fantasy extravaganza worthy of the bridal scenes of any high-budget feature film.

The Hyatt poblic relations manager Sigal Lev, who was in charge son for what may well be the most important production of her life.

attend to every detail. Hotel general manager Norman Rafelson was particularly excited by the luxury botel's first celebrity wedding which he envisages will

For the past two weeks she

worked almost around the clock to

pave the way to many more. Himself a member of the 50 plus age group, Topaz picked a woman young enough to be his daughter. He already has two sons: one born out of wedlock and the other, the product of his short-lived first. marriage. He is known to be a

good father. Several guests, sueb as cigar chomping Yigal Shilon, turned up early to take advantage of the

gets hitched again

There wasn't much advice that Shilon could give the new groom, but if Topaz is serious about wanting to enter polices, he may profit from some ops from another invi-

tee - former prime mioister Shimon Peres. At the ceremony itself, Peres blessed the couple and observed that "Morocccan charm had conquered Polish ratings."

In addition to a gold ring, Dudu gave Roni as a wedding present a forest green Rover 200, which was parked at the entrance to the hotel when they arrived from Masada.

Edelstein: Karmiel mayor using immigrants for politics

Karmiel Mayor Adi Eldar opposed construction of small partments and even vowed to block their construction "with my own body," according to an article

which appeared in a local newspa-per in February 1991.
Absorptioo Minister Yuli Edelsteio's office published a copy of the article yesterday, saying that in pushing elderly immi-grants into barricading themselves in a local absorption center, Eldar is simply trying to win political

Karmiel elderly immigrants' fight for additional housing in the city, and yesterday told visiting mem-Committee that it might take more drastic" measures to convince the government to build the needed housing.

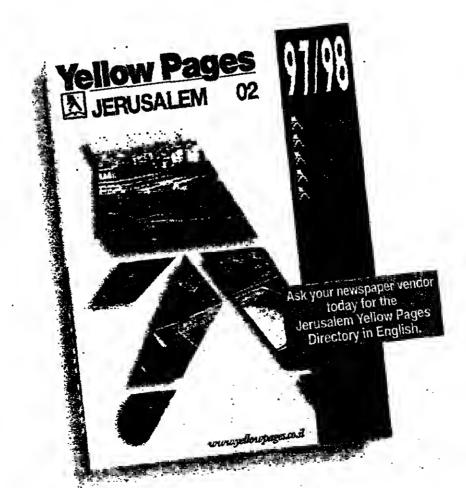
"Eldar is playing a political game. He sends these people out on strike to become more popular with the immigrants, because elections are coming up soon, Absorption Ministry spokesman Yehuda Glick said

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who was housing minister at the time, confirmed that Eldar had indeed opposed the project to build 5,000 apartments of about 60 meters in Karmiel to meet the needs of the elderly immigrants. Karmiel

Municipality official said the article misrepresented the facts, and that the plan had been to build "caravans, not apartments, which indeed Eldar opposed."



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An uneasy compromise

The uneasy compromise reached yesterday under which a Jewish presence, limited to 10 people, will remain in Ras al-Amud, while the families already there agree to leave the property purchased by Irving Moskowitz. neither ensures quiet in the sbort term nor reflects well on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's leadership capabilities.

As expected, the compromise follows the St. John's Hospice precedent of 1990, in which 150 Jewish settlers agreed to evacuate this Old City building, leaving behind a smaller group of male and female guards to protect the property. These "guards," as Herb Keinon reports in the News in Focus section of today's paper, have since married and even had children. Ten Jewish families now live in the hospice, renamed Neot David, and one would not be unduly surprised by a similar turn of events at Ras al-Amud.

The Palestinians certainly will not bave forgotten this precedent, and yesterday's agreement between Moskowitz and the government is unlikely to prevent Palestinian protests planned for today. It is clear to all that the motives of those who moved into Ras al-Arnud are not to promote Jewish-Arab harmony, despite Moskowitz's talk of building a wellbaby clinic for Arab children, but to assert Jewish sovereignty with their physical presence.

Sncb a move is unnecessary. Just as secular Jews do not need to move into Mea She'arim to prove that Israel is a modern, democratie state, so too is there no need for Jews to move into the heart of Arab areas of the capital to prove Israel's hold on Jerusalem. Indeed, the whole crisis surrounding Ras al-Amud has given the Palestinians an unwarranted opportunity to once again capture international sympathy and erase from the world's all too short memory the recent pietures of Hamas bombs exploding in Jerusalem.

By giving Yasser Arafat a public-relations boost at the time he most needed it - the Palestinians are successfully portraying Ras al-Amud as a symbol of Israeli attempts to derail the peace process - Moskowitz and his agents are barraing both the eause of a united Jerusalem and the diplomatic battle the govern-Authority's failure to crack down on terror.

Last week's visit to the region by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was dominated by one topie: the need for the PA to abide by its commitment to fight terror. Seven days later, the diplomatic agenda has shifted to Ras al-Amud, described by the State Department spokesman as a "lightning rod for increased ten-sions" and the "kind of action which undermines the confidence so necessary to getting the peace process back on track."

Just as worrying as this sudden relaxation of the pressure on Arafat at a time when he should have been kept firmly pinned against the ropes has been the performance of Prime Minister Netanyahu during the whole affair. Netanyahu originally claimed he had had no advance warning of Moskowitz's intention to populate his Ras al-Amud property, but subsequent reports have shown that the topic of Ras al-Amud was raised at a cabinet meeting earlier this month.

Once the families moved in. Netanyahu rightly stressed that the move "is not good for Jerusalem, is not good for the State of Israel... we think on sensitive issues we should be the ones making the decisions, and not maneuvered into them," but he then failed in act on these words. Instead of taking immediate action to remove the families, and thus nip the incident in the bud, Netanyahu procrastinated.

And worse was to come. After having allowed himself to be maneuvered into a corner by the Miami-based tycoon by not ordering the police at the outset to prevent the Jewish families from entering Ras al-Amud, the prime minister then proceeded to place Moskowitz's property rights above the legal opinion of Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, who argued that the families could be evacuated if there was reasonable certainty that the public order would be disturbed or public safety harmed.

The result of this inaction has been the degrading sight of senior government ministers holding negotiations with an American citizen over bow many Jews can remain in Ras al-Amud - a picture which does little to strengthen signs of Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem. Netanyahu, had he been more determined earlier on, could have saved himself, and his counment had been winning over the Palestinian try's capital, the embarrassment of this unnecessary episode.



Is anybody listening?

for some years now a search has been going in an attempt to discover the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence. The large radio telescope at the Arecibo observatory in Puerto Rico has been scanning the skies in the hope of picking up signals that would provide an indication that there are intelligent beings out there that might even be listening to us. So far to no avail, but

the search goes on. For some time now, I have been searching the local scene in the bope that somebody at the decision-making level in the government would listen to my warnings regarding the grave dangers facing civilians in the streets of our cities and our soldiers in southern Lebanon. But nobody seems to be listening.

After every act of Palestinian terror, the government imposes a elosure, preventing the Palestinian population of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza from entering Israel. Presumably the physical safety of Israel's citizens takes precedence over the economic well-being of the Palestinians.

That is the radonale, and the only rationale, for this drastie measure. If it were intended as a punishment, it is certainly misplaced. The vast majority of the 150,000 Palestinians who work in Israel, and the families dependent on their income, have no connection with the spicide bombers sent into our cities by the terrorist organizations.

rganizations. in the first place, and why is it But it is obvious that the daily inevitably lifted only to be

The first rule of tennis strate-

gy, we were taught as

youngsters, is,

change a winning game; always

change a losing one." In tennis,

where there are only two possibil-

ines - win or lose - that advice

In the real world, however, there

are usually at least two possible

alternatives to the status quo: bet-

ter and worse. The rule of prudent

statecraft, therefore, has always

been: Better the enemy you know

than the one you do not. Since Oslo, Israeli diplomacy

has been conducted as if we were

playing tennis. We leapt into

Oslo on the assumption that noth-

ing could be worse than the

intifada, and in the four years

since, far more Jews have been

killed by terrorists than at any

time in Israel's history. Now the

chief architect of the Oslo agree-

ments, Yossi Beilin, would have

us unilaterally withdraw from

Lebanon - once again because

the present situation is deemed

All the glaring flaws of the Oslo

process were predicted by oppo-nents of the agreements from the

makes sense.

MOSHE ARENS

entry of 150,000 Palestinians provides a convenient cover for those involved in the preparation of the terrorist outrages that strike us with frightening regularity. Camouflaged by the daily ride of workers from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, those involved in planning. organizing, and executing the ter-

imposed after the next act of terror? Is anybody listening?

OUR losses in Lebanon seem to be without end. Although I have little sympathy for those who exploit the days of mourning for hysterical calls for an immediate

ments, and since continued by the

Netanyahu government, are

wrong and have failed miserably.

I have repeatedly called for a

For the IDF to try to engage

operations

Hizbullah in guerrilla warfare is to

Our strength lies not in our ability, at great risk, to track down individual Hizbullah terrorists. and unilateral withdrawal of the

but in our ability to upset the whole Lebanese apple cart and thus strike a major blow at Syria's basic interests in the country it has essentially occupied, and from which it encourages Hizbullah to mount raids against the IDF. IDF from southern Lebanon, 1 am Operation Peace for Galilee did bring peace to the Galilee for 10 convinced that the tactics applied years. But the precipitate withhy the Rahin and Peres govern-

will launch Karyushas against the

towns and villages in Galilee any

time it claims that we have violat-

ed the "agreements" hangs over

It seems that, even if we tried,

we could not have come up with .

our men on the front line.

more disadvantageous terms for

our beads.

drawal in 1985 into the present narrow security zone, followed by the limitations that Israeli governments have imposed on IDF operations in Lebanon, have made it clear to Hizbullah, and its Iranian and Syrian masters, that the rules of the game have changed to its advantage

If Israel's strategy does nut change. Hizbullah has every reason to believe that it will eventually wear us down to the point where we will withdraw to the border, and it will be able to mount its attacks from there into Israel itself.

Is anybody listening?

while the threat that Hizbullah

For the IDF to try to engage Hizbullah in guerrilla warfare is to engage the enemy on terms advantageous to him

rorist outrages slip into and out of our cities many times until they are ready for the kill.

This is not to say that an act of terror is not possible even when the closure is in force, but there is no question that it is then far more difficult to carry out. Those who find it difficult to accept this logic should only look at the statistics. Most acts of terror have been committed during periods when there was no closure, Frequently, as in the last bombing in Jerusalem, they were carried out shortly after the closure had been lifted. It seems that the terrorists were only waiting for the closure to be lifted so that they could carry out their murderous design.

throw away the natural advantages that we could enjoy and to engage the enemy on terms advantageous to him. This is especially so since the unfortunate 'agreements" reached with the

change in tactics.

Hizbullah after Accountability and Grapes of Why then is the closure imposed

agreements Hizbullah a license to attack IDF soldiere white soldiers, while their bases in the villages of southern Lebanon remain immune to attack. All this,

The writer is a former defense

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORKING TOO HARD

Sir. - MK Yossi Beilin's article in the Post of August 19, contains statements that have no relation to reality. How can he not be aware that there exist cities of refuge for terrorists in the PA areas? His assertion that Oslo minimized the danger of a surprise attack against Israel is absurd.

Beilin is working much too hard to make us believe Oslo is an unalloyed blessing when it was obvious from the beginning that it was flawed, more likely stillborn.

And the Labor government's failure to insist on Palestinian compliance, ignoring every violation, quickly disabused Yasser Arafat from any notion of compliance.

ARTHUR GRUDER

JUSTIFY DISCRIMINATION

Jerusalem.

Sir, - In the US and most of the Western world, if a Jew purchases a home in a non-Jewish neighborhood and is prevented from living there by his neighbors on the basis of religion, the government would bring all legal and police forces to bear upon the neighbors to permit

the Jew to live in the neighborhood. In Jerusalem, if a Jew purchases a home in a Moslem neighborhood, the Israeli government, the US government, and the rest of the world (not to mention the neighbors) are bringing tremendous political pressures to prevent the lew from living in or using his home as he sees fit.

Is this the new era of political correctness to justify discrimination against Jews?

ALLAN MORRIS

LACK OF LOGIC

Sir. - The lack of logic in Yossi Ben-Aharon's article ("Lack of True Peace," Sept. 8) is simply that peace between Israel with Egypt and Jordan became possible

because the governments of these

amazing. He describes correctly the rejection of Israel by the Arab world's entire intelligentsia. It should then be logical to assume

However, Ben-Aharon's conclusion is just the opposite: peace will be possible only if "there is meaningful move toward democracy in Arab society."

will of their peoples.

Arab countries acted against the

DR. JACOB ROSIN

ERETZ YISRAEL WHO IS THE SCOUNDREL?

Sir, - Referring to "The Golan Card" (September 16), Ruhy Sir. - A housewife, is no match for a research associate at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University. She can't compile Rivlin is badly misinformed about the history of the Golan an opinion with such poisonous The Golan was always part of sophistication as Mark A. Heller does in "The message - not the medium" (September 5), position-Eretz Yisrael. It is cited in the Torah and was inhabited by the ing side by side "soldiers... convicttribe of Menashe. Golan, the

ed of manslaughter and rape" with name of a town in Bashan (it's Binyamin Netanyahu, who Biblical name), was one of the "inflamed" and "provided ammuni-tion"; and Dan Naveh, who "was "cities of refuge," and the area is mentioned in writings of the loud,... stridden... aggressive... unappealing"; and "Popolitika, -Bihlical prophets and throughout the Talmud. Scores of ancient (which)... encourages... gladiator Jewish towns on the Golan panelists." But don't worry too many dating back to the Second much about either Netanyahu or Temple period - testify to its significance in Jewish history. Naveh, because - and here comes

the gist - "The truth" can also be "told by a scoundrel." Now, this ordinary woman, who even appreciates Popolitika for it's straightforwardness and honest involvement; well, this woman restraining herself from juxtaposing her own adjectives with Mark A. Heller - just wonders who is talking (or writing) loud, strident, aggressive and unappealing; who is inflaming, and who is here the

DR. MOSHE DANN

Jerusalem.

Golan, along with other parts of Eretz Yisrael. In 1916, Britain and France signed a secret The Arab intelligentsia, even in agreement (the Sykes-Picot Treaty) for a partition of the Middle East. The Golan was offered to the French, and in

1923, Britain redrew the boundary lines and illegally ceded the area; the deal was ratified in

intolerable.

start. The first was imagining that hy rescuing a bankrupt PLO from oblivion, we had secured a negotiating partner. For Yasser Arafat. diplomacy has never been more than war by other means.

those countries with which we have relations, remains uniformly hostile. It has yet to produce one Shimon Peres fantasizing expansively about the glorious peace just around the corner. And on the Arab street, the murder of Jews remains a cause for celebration.

If, as his apologists maintain, Arafat must continue preaching jihad, proclaiming suicide bombers martyrs in a sacred cause, embracing Hamas leaders

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

Beilin's latest folly

within days of suicide bombings, and kissing little schoolgirls singing lullahies about killing Jews in order to survive, then peace is not on the Palestinian

We dismantled our intelligencegathering apparatus and subcon-tracted the fight against terrorism

While the PA has failed to fulfill its most basie commitments, Israel is instructed not to harm the atmospherics. The army is now preparing for the threat of guerrilla warfare by tens of thousands of Palestinian "policemen," whom

we ourselves armed.

His problem is wishful thinking the refusal to believe that there are problems in the world that cannot be solved by an infusion of goodwill

to the father of Palestinian terrorism. Predictably, the Palestinian-held areas have become virtual safe havens for terrorists.

The PA and Hamas play good cop/bad cop. While letting Hamas operate freely, Arafat is careful to maintain deniability for its

actions.

The Oslo process has proven irreversible. The drumbest of demands for "progress" - new agreements, further territorial concessions - both at home and abroad, is unceasing. Any attempt by Israel to reenter PA-controlled areas would place us in the role of international pariah. Even explicit acts of war, like the shooting at Israeli troops and civilians by Palestinian police last year, only

resulted in condemnation of

IsraeL Four years after the signing of Oslo 1, Israel finds itself being told by the US secretary of state that it should not let security concerus halt the peace process. What, one wonders, was the process about for us if not securi-

ty concerns?

THE problem is not that Israel has, for the first time in history. mass-produced stupid Jews. For Dr. Beilin is an intelligent man. The problem is wishful thinking the refusal to believe that there are problems in the world that cannot be solved hy an infusion of good-

The same type of delusional thinking is evident in the calls for unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon. Proponents of withdrawal are right that longevity is not sufficient justification for continuing past policy without reexamination. Maginot Line was no more effective for having been long in place.

At the same time, it is insufficient to point at the tragically high rate of casualties and argue that anything must be better. That is basically what we are hearing today from proponents of with-

drawai: "I'm not an expert, but..." For 15 years there has been virtual unanimity among both the political and military echelons of the necessity of a military presence in southern Lebanon. Those who argue that such a policy is no

longer sustainable have the burden of showing that the dangers it was meant to combat have either lessened or can be combatted by other, less costly, means. They have not even attempted to do so.

Yet without such detailed analysis, we can have no assurance that even more lives will not be lost. Withdrawal, for instance, would likely necessitate more operations such as that in which 12 naval commandos lost their lives.

Israel does not have the luxury of doing what Sen. George Aiken once recommended that the US do in Vietnam: Declare victory and go home. We are already home, and the enemy is at our doorstep. How much more lethal would Hizhullah become once emboldened by having forced our

retreat Calls for a negotiated settlement in Lebanon are fatally flawed by the assumption of a non-existent partner. Syrian dictator Hafez Assad currently enjoys begemony over Lebanon - a far higger jewel than the Golan Heights - and is able to bleed Israel through his Hizbullah proxies at no cost.

According to Daniel Pipes and other Syrian experts, Assad fears peace with Israel more than he wants the Golan. As a permanent casus belli, the Golan conveniently distracts attention at home from the domination of Assad's minority Alawi clan. Even if the Golan were returned. Assad could deny accountability for Hizbullah in the same way Arafat denies responsibility for Hamas.

Jews have suffered greatly, and continue to suffer, for the delusions of those who believe peace in our time can be achieved with the wave of a pen. Enough aiready.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 19, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that Egypt objected to the partition of Palestine, alleging that in 1919 Britain promised the country to the Arabs. The Jewish Agency expressed surprise at this stand and quoted General McMahon's letter to the London Times which elearly showed that Palestine was never included in the British pledge to the Arabs. Sentence of six months' imprison-

at the Western Wall at the termina-

50 years ago: On September 19, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the US State Department was not committed to the partition of Palestine. Observers noted that such tactics arose from the hope that the UN Special Committee on Palestine Majority Report would be watered down before

being accepted. A 70-year-old rabbi was among the 19 persons detained in exten-

sive police and military searches in Jerusalem. Some damage was reported.

In the 19th century. Jews pur-

chased land and settled in the

25 years ago: On September 19, 1977, The Jerusalem Post reported that the 36-hour strike in Lehanon netted 60 terrorists

Heavy artillery harrages were fired at Israeli settlements in the Golan from Syrian territory. In all cases fire was returned, there were no Israeli casualties.

FROM OUT in cyberspace, just in time for Rosh Hashana, comes this set of options for the Tashlich ceremony.

POSTSCRIPTS

Taking a few crumbs from whatever old bread is in the house lacks subtlety and religious sensitivity. Instead, consider these options: For ordinary sins, use White

Bread For exotic sins, French Bread For particularly dark sins, Pumpernickel

For complex sins, Multi-Grain

For twisted sins, Pretzels For tasteless sins, Rice Cakes For sins of indecision, Waffles For sins committed in baste.

For sins committed in less than 18 minutes, Shmura Matza For sins of hutzpa, Fresh Bread For substance abuse, Poppy Seed

For inhaling, Stoned Wheat For committing arson, Toast For committing auto theft,

For being ill tempered, Sourdough For silliness, Nut Bread

For not giving full value,

For war-mongering, Kaiser Rolls For immodest dressing, Tarts For causing injury or damage to

others, Torts For promiscuity, Hot Buns For davening off tune, Fint Bread For being holier than thou,

Shortbread

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columnist.

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DAVID NEWMAN

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The settler movement, originating in the activities of Hanan Porat and Moshe Levinger in the immediate aftermath of the Six Day War, nrganized through Gush Emunim during the 1970s, and receiving government support and backing in the 1980s, has been, by far, the most successful form of political protest activity this country has ever witnessed.

Who believed that Levinger's attempts to settle in Hebron at the Park Hotel in 1968 would give rise to the present communities of Kiryat Arba and downtown Hebron - a community which very nearly succeeded in scuttling the Hebrou

Kahalani, Sharansky and Levy are as responsible as the settlers for this week's act of national folly

Who thought that the antics of the young settler movement in 1974 and 1975, running from hilltop to hilltop in Sebastia, would give rise to a network of communities consisting of nver 130,000 residents in the mid-1990s. Most of Israel's planners and politicians langhed at the grandiose Gush Emmin plans presented to the Begin government soon after his election in 1977. They didn't even believe that the 100,000 Plan, pre-pared by the government itself in 1984, would ever be carried out, when in reality it has been imple-

mented and expanded, The right-wing governments of Begin, Shamir, and Netanyahu have diverted scarce national resources from the development towns, from the Negev and Galilee, to the middle-class West Bank settlements in an effort to create as many facts as possible which will prevent any form of peace process based oo territorial compromise. One only has to look at the way in which the Oslo 2 map was drawn up, with its cheeseboard partern full of settlement holes, to know that even at the neight of peace negoatioos, the settlements were a major obstacle to achieving a full and final agreement.

And despite the fact that the national unity governments of the mid-1980s, and the Rabin administration of the 1990s, formally froze all oew settlement activity, these were periods of major settlement consolidation, during which the West Bank communities grew by tens of thousands. The public rhetoric of the Labor Party leatlers may have been anti-settlement, but they gratefully used the settlements as a bargaining chip for future stages of the negotiations. Hanan Porat was there again at

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The settlers have done it Ras al-Amud this week. If there is a single personality who characterizes the West Bank settlement movement it is this politician-ideolngue from Kfar Etzion. His famous roll of the eyes, his evoking of the Zionist enterprise, and the fact that, unlike most of his settler counterparts, he is a veteran kibbutznik, has helped maintain this image of the perpetual demon-strator, even though he has been a member of the Knesset political

> For him and the myriad of groups which support his enterprise, the only true values of Zionism are land and settlement. Everything else - peace, self-

establishment for well over a

determination, safety, and security are all secondary. In their eyes, none of the latter can be achieved the former is not maintained. And by maintaining their hold over every last centimeter of land, they are destroying any possibility of achieving true and lasting security for their own children and grand-

But nne cannot totally blame these people. They believe deeply in their warped view of nationalism. They have never said anything else. They do not hold double values. And despite his political rhetoric, the actions (rather than the words) nf Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu have proved, beyond doubt, that he supports the settler movement and its determination to scuttle the peace process. He has not done a single thing to prove oth-erwise. This, too, is his ideology.

But what of those politicians who argue otherwise? What of Avigdor Kahalani's Third Way and its stated "determination" following the 1996 elections to force the government to pursue the Oslo process? What of Natan Sharansky, the former fighter for human rights who, it would appear, no longer cares for the human rights of anyone who is not Jewish and has become identified with the extreme Right? And what of Foreign Minister David Levy, whose bombastic statements against the Ras al-Amud settlers are, like all of his other statements, simply for public display, lacking any intention of undertaking action which would deprive him of immediate political power?

These are the people who, imlike the settlers, do not believe in the supremacy of an ideology of land "and seitlement. But neither do they" believe in the cause of peace, would be prepared to help bring down this anti-peace government, this government which is leading us to war and violence.

These are the people who have it in their hands to avert the tragedy, but are doing oothing. They, as much as the settlers, cannot be allowed to evade their responsibility for the potential bloodletting which awaits us as a result of this week's act of national folly.

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espite signs of possible change within Iran, the mullahs and Revolutionary Guards in Teheran are still the primary sources of instability and violence in the region. In addition to support for Hamas, Hizbullah, and terrorists sent to New York, the Iranians are also investing huge sums in the effort to obtain weapons of ma

For many years, the drined States and Israel have warrant them to distant targets and Israel have warned of the consequences of a nuclear-aimed train and have attempted to gain the coopera tion of other states in preventing this development. Washington's dual trans containment policies are aimed at isolating Teheran and pressuring the regime into giving up its dangerous

This policy met with mixed results. The Iranian efforts are going slower and costing more. However, Europe, Japan, and other industrialized states have opted for a one-sided "critical dialogue," which also allows them to profit from trade with

iran. These governments have apparently not learned any lessons from the arming of Saddam Hussein.

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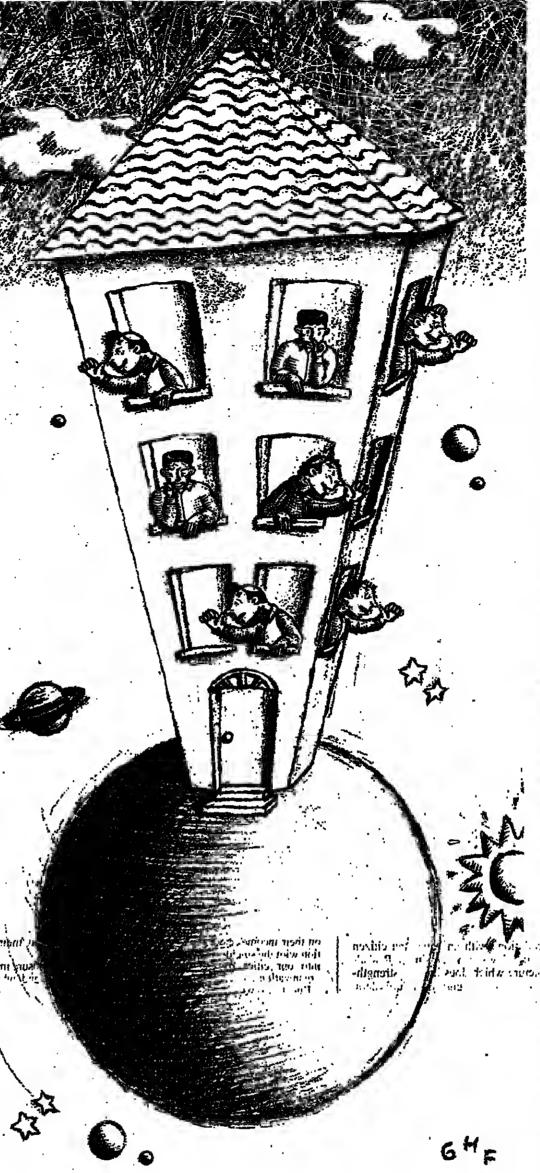
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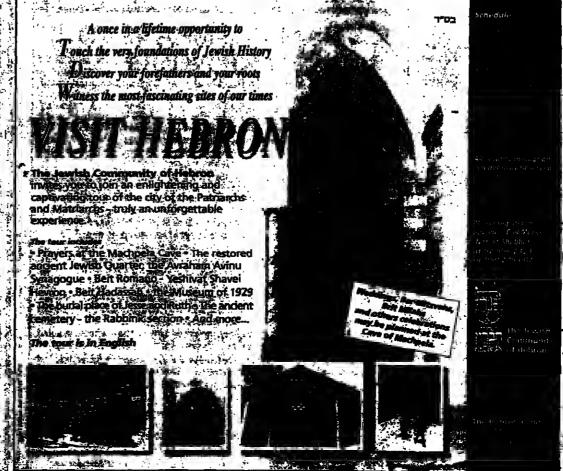
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American policies are failing. The Clinton administration has avoided a confrontation with Russia, fearing that a cutoff in aid would weaken Yeltsin and lead to a more radical and unstable Russian government. Similarly, the US gives priority to obtaining Chinese cooperation in tride, human rights and Asian security and aid not want to overload the agenda by imposing spactions for the transfer of military technology to Iran.

As a result, in Israel, some policy makers have argued for a more aggressive and unilateral Israeli policy with respect to Russian and Chinese sales to Iran. (A few years ago, the Foreign Ministry sought an agreement with the government of North Korea by which sales of missile technology would end. This effort failed, and led to tension with Washington.) In the case of Russia. and to a lesser extent with China,

Israeli policy makers have considered a limited "carrot and stick" policy, offering technological cooperation in exchange for an end in their assistance to fran, while also suggesting economic disincentives. One option under consideration is the cancellation of contracts to import Russian natural gas. Realistically, there is little chance

that Israel can change Russian policy. The possibilities for influencing



The limits of willpower

MARK A. HELLER

as al-Amud is a cruel practi-. cal joke on practically everyone in Israeli politics, but the main victim is Binyamio Netanyahu. By moving into a bouse bought by a rich, right-wing philan-thropist from abroad - of the sort who helped finance Netanyahu's primary and general election victories - the new Jewish residents of Ras al-Amud have made Netanyahu very uncomfortable

But according to the law enacted by the Labor-dominated government in 1967 (whose successors are now so vociferous in their criticism) and reaffirmed by the Likud-dominated government in 1981 (whose successors are now so confused in their search for an appropriate response), the transaction is perfectly legal. And although this legal envelope severely constrains Netanyahu's ability to reverse the action, it provides no defense against potential-ly serinus local, reginnal, and international repercussions.

The reason is that there are different kinds of legality stemming from different kinds of law, and some of them are irrelevant to the political motives of the settlers and the political consequences of their actions.

The law which permits Irving

Moskowitz and his proteges to act and limits the government's ability to act against them, is positive law the municipal law of Israel. It protects the property rights of individ-uals, provided those rights have been acquired through legitimate procedures, whether they be Jews in Ras al-Amud or Arabs in Mea She'arim or Beit Hakerem.

But the laws which unilaterally applied positive Israeli law to Jerusalem beyond the 1949 armistice line were inspired hy natural or divine law, or at least, an Israeli interpretation of that law. This interpretation, needless to say, hardly persuades the Palestinians and most other Arabs and Moslems. Moreover, the consistency of this legislation with international law is problematic, at best, in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Thus, the cootentioo that this particular action is perfectly legal, which would normally be a good argument-stopper, is only partially effective in the domestic debate. And since it fails to resonate with anyone else, it is irrelevant to the real issue, which is political.

If Netanyahu wants to reverse developments in Ras al-Amud in order to contain the political damfall back on findings of overriding interest, such as public safety or oational security. These are precisely the kind of pseudo-legal rationales that far less enlightened regimes have used throughout history to pursue their political agen-

THE current dilemma is a direct outgrowth nf the school of thought which argues that, while the Arabs and the rest of the world can talk. what matters is what Israel does. Like many other ideas which were once embraced for want of a better alternative, the notion of a unilateral fait accompli based on determination and willpower became a

Chinese policy are even more

In addition, Israel has an interest in analitiating good working relations with Moscow, and in attempting to influence Russian policy through dialogue and cooperation. At some point, Russian leaders may realize that their long-term interests are not served by a powerful and revolutionary Islamic regime near its borders. (The same is also true for China).

Furthermore, with the recent elec-tions and change in government in fran, there are some signs of relaxation in the revolutionary and Islamic fervor. Iranians signaled a desire for economic growth and an end to the isolation and sanctions, and this may be the beginning of a gradual change in direction.

At some point, Iranian leaders may conclude that the cost of revolution and support for terror may be too high. This process could take many years, but Israel has no interest in reinforcing the ideological conflict with Iran.

At the same time, the organizathat support Hizboniah

myth, comforting but increasingly divorced from the fact that there are other forces and other wills at work. Thus, Israeli political leaders

since 1967 tried to convince themselves, the public, the Arabs, and everyooe else that they could made Jerusalem (and the Golan Heights) non-issues by building settlements and passing laws which said they were nonissues. Even a usually sophisticated politician like Dan Meridor could argue that Israel had actually succeeded in this, that Jerusalem had already become a nnn-issue, and that it would have remaioed a nnn-issue if only Yitzhak Rabio had not said the words in Osln that made it an issue once again.

But in the last few years, the most articulate and forceful proponent of the decisive role of determination and willpower has been Binyamin Netanyahu.

The Ras ai-Amud dilemma is a direct outgrowth of the school of thought which argues that aii that matters is what israel does

Even before the intifada and before the peace process, this approach showed oo sign of persuading anyone to accept Israel's position, but it could at least be sustained at relatively lnw cost. Since then, it has become a trap for Israeli leaders who are nhliged to take account of Arab and ioternational reaction. At Har Homa, this trap already scratched Netanyahu; in Ras al-Amud, it threatens to bite him even harder.

Perhaps Netanyahu can take heart from another advocate of willpower and determination: his cabinet colleague Ariel Sharon. Sharoo has declared that Israel should not back down in any way on Ras al-Amud, because it is very dangerous in respond in threats and intimidation from the other

"Today, it's Ras al-Amud," he says. "Tomorrow it will be some-

If Sharon means to say that Israel should take into account the force field in which it operates before it thrust of his advice is sound. But if he means to say that Israel should simply act unilaterally and persist in its actions, without any regard for the world outside its own drives, impulses, desires, needs, and interpretations of natural or divine law, then he is urging the prime minister to continue nperating according to the same pattern of behavior that produced this dilemma. Some of us call it "determination and willpower." To others, it looks suspiciously like amism!

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attacks in Lebanon and suicide bombings in Jerusalem are also getting closer to acquiring longrange missiles and nuclear weapons. As a result, Israeli deterrence vis-a-vis Iran must be emphasized as a last-resort optinn. The publicity given to this week's first flight of the F-15-I, the Israeli Air Force's long-range first-line fighter-bomber, was an important

step in this direction. The bottom line is that Israel has little choice but to continue to walk the Tranian tightrope. This means close coordination with the US government, continued attempts to convince the Russians and Chinese to limit their sales to outdated equipment of little use, and the search for opportunities to influence Iranian policy and public opinion. At the same time, the maintenance of a strong deterrent is vital, in the event that other options fail.

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Egyptian security sources said all of those who died were inside the bus, parked outside the Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square, one of Cairo's busiest areas.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which wounded at least nine, but security sources said police had arrested three suspected gunmen and are looking for two more.

A ministry statement identified the gunman as Saber Farahai Abu Ela, who was put in a mental hospital after he fired on tourists at the Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel in

Cairo four years go. Ela's brother Mahmoud was also arrested after the attack, the statement said. Security sources said the third gunman was shot in the head and was in critical condition.

The ministry said 33 German tourists were on the bus. Security sources said one of the gunmen clambered aboard and started spraying the interior with gunfire

When he saw several tourists escaping through the rear entrance, the gunman threw a petrol bomb inside. He then ran out and put a second bomb under the bus. Other gunmen fired at three or more nearby buses parked near the museum.

Security sources suspect the gunmen are Moslem militants who have

been seeking to topple the govern-ment since 1992.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel expressed horror at the attack, saying it was the third disas-

ter to hit Germans abroad this week. The German Foreign Ministry said nine people were killed in the attack, including six Germans and three others of unknown nationality. Egyptian police could not also confirm the nationalities of the three others,

Yesterday's attack was the first major militant operation in the capital since April 1996 when suspected militants shot dead 18 Greek tourists and wounded 14 outside a hotel.

It was one of the bloodiest attacks against the Egyptian tourism industry since militants began sporadically targeting tourists in 1992 as a way to damage the country's economy in their fight against the government.

Before yesterday, Moslem mili-tants had killed 26 foreigners and wounded 73.

"It was like 'Gunfight at the OK Corral," said Australian tourist Fabian Muir. "Totally out of control. It went on for like 20 minutes. It seemed to go on forever."

A broken bottle and soaked rags lay next to the bus, transformed at midday into a blackened skeleton of seat frames and broken windows. Bloody water dripped from inside. A woman's charred body lay

spilled down the steps of the bus, her long hair tied up in ribbon, hands outstretched, water bottle nearby. Others trapped in the bus were burned to the bone, one cringing under a seat, another on the

At least three other buses were



Egyptian police guard the site of an attack on a tourist bus in front of the archaeology museum in Cairo's Tahrir Square, where gunmen opened fire yesterday killing 10 and injuring more than a dozen.

riddled with bullet boles, their windows spider webs of shattered glass. One bullet neatly punctured the glass above the driver's seat. where he had placed the Koran in the window.

Ten tourists killed in Cairo terror

Tourists, who were locked inside the building, trickled out and were being taken by police to a nearby hotel. Police also tightened security around Cairo airport to protect

ly" attack, saying it supports 1993 and 1994 saw hotel occupancy President Hosni Mubarak's efforts to oppose remorism.

"I condemn this cowardly act of terrorism in the strongest possible terms," Secretary of State Madeleinc Albright said in remarks to a US business conference. "We must never give in to terrorism."

The attack came as the Egyptian tourism industry, an important rates drop and many tourism sector employees lose their jobs.

Egypt's two main militant groups are al-Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group) and the Jihad both fighting to overthrow the Egyptian government and set up a strict Islamic state.

Al-Gama'a has attacked tourists, Christians, and police, while the Jihad has concentrated on security

source of hard currency, hailed its recovery after militant attacks in and political figures. The US condemned the "coward-Japan, Russia, join US criticism of mine pact

By TANYA PANG

OSLO (Reuters) - Japan and Russia yesterday joined the United States in criticizing a global land mine ban treaty as the conference called to draft the agreement drew to

Despite the criticism, conference officials hailed the marathon talks held this week by 89 countries, 32 observer countries and 10 observer organizations as historic. They denied the treaty was weakened by the day-earlier pull out of the United States.

"The fact that 100 countries out of 185 come and speak and agree on a convention that they are ready to sign, has never been achieved anywhere else, not even in the Conference of Disarmament," Jacob Selebi, president of the Oslo conference, told reporters.

"It is important to locate this treaty within that context. This conference

was not organized for the United States," Selebi said.

The text produced in Oslo, which will be signed in Ottawa in early December, outlaws the use, production, sale and stocks of anti-personnel land mines - a cause championed by Britain's late Princess

President Bill Clinton announced Wednesday that Washington would be unable to sign the treaty because it compromised US security interests.

The United States had come to Oslo with a handful of proposed opt outs to the treaty. But despite intensive efforts to cajole support for its demands, including the intervention of the president himself, the US delegation went home empty handed.

Several other major countries, including Russia, China, India, Pakistan and Israel, have had no formal part in the so-called Ottawa process that was spearbeaded by Canada a year ago.

Russia, which attended the conference as an observer, said the conven-

solution," the head of the Russian delegation said.

Selebi, at a news conference, said the importance of the convention could not be measured in size of

Who are these two-thirds? We are talking China, Russia and the United States. Two-thirds of that population owns nuclear weapons. can we then say we must all own nuclear weapons?

"I am sure no child tramples on a mine in New York, but I am sure that hundreds of children, hundreds of women in Mozambique, Angola and in the Congo, trample on these mines. Those are the lives we need to protect, not the lives that are already protected," Selebi said.

Japan, whose delegates had supported much of the US stance, criticized the flexibility of the text. It also expressed reservations about deferred entry to the treaty and

"My delegation is not in a position to state Japan's final position toward the Ottawa meeting. The Japanese government will carefully study the convention now adopted and a decision will be taken in due course," a Japanese statement said.

Belgium, Italy, Mexico and the Philippines - signaled they would be at the December ceremony. Most acknowledged the treaty was only the beginning of an enormous

A painful glare from the truth commission

hat did you do during apartheid, Abba? The ripples from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission have spread far beyond the highly publicized main players who have stood humbly contrite or arrogantly unrepentant before it.

They have spread to the Jewish community no less than to whites, says Prof. Dennis Davis,

who has played an important role in South Africa's political transformation on a number of constitutional and legal committees. Davis is an academic, author, tax and legal consultant and won a "best television presenter award in 1994

for the series Future Imperfect Merely reading a summary of his career is a tiring task, before one wonders where he has found the time for

There's a fascinating debate taking part at the moment about the role of the Jews under apartheid," said Davis. "That has been on the back of the broader debate on the role of all sorts of communities. We really have come up for scrutiny in this national debate - a lot of soul searching - for example on the role of the judiciary."

Davis first visited Israel in 1966 and has been back almost once a year since.

"Like most South African Jews, I'm one of those people who has vacillated through my life about whether I should live here or there. I just got involved politically in South Africa, and I guess life took its own course and I never came here." Davis said.

Blind eyes As director of Investee Bank (and tax adviser to the South African government) Davis told the business press this week the bank is looking into making a package of substantial investments on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange - including setting up a country fund for Israel which would buy shares of listed Israeli companies.

As he warmed to his themes in an armchair in Tel Aviv's South African embassy yesterday, the impish face of 46-year-old Davis carried hints of a resemblance to the singer Elton John.

The Truth Commission has started a very painful re-examination," he continued. "It is a mistake to think all Jews in South Africa were liberal opponents of apartheid. Their role was a very ambivalent one and a very checkered one.

"There were some very exceptional people whose names should go down for ever on rolls of honor, politicians, terribly important trade unionists, and of course all the famous external activists. They are the one hand, One the other there was an establishment that was frightened and acquiescent.

"The fact is most people turned a blind eye - and worse than that, a hell of a lot of people made a hell of a lot of money. This was not a crime of mere organism." And, when truth has been outed, and Nelson Mandela has gone, where is South Africa

Black card



Davis is at work on two books, one a casebook on the South African bill of rights and one on nationalism and democracy. He is keenly aware of the problems such as

and the flaws in the new republic, but also of its strengths. The two intertwine. Take Mandela's successor designate. Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, who to all practi-

rising crime rates -

cal purposes runs the government. Davis said that where Mandela is color-blind, Mbeki has played the black African card skillfully and will continue to do

"As far as I know, there are no whites on his personal staff.

But all that that means is that whites will have to find new entrepreneurial roles rather than as advisers to government. If you ask me will my son or daughter advise the government if they wanted to, I would say probably no. Nor might they be appointed chief justice. But they might decide the way to go is the Bill Gates way and that will be OK. That's better for the country.

There is one thing in the ANC's favor - its long tradition of non-racism and the number of distinguished whites who joined it. And the ordinary people will be as critical of black entrepreneurs who do nothing for them as they were of white ones."

Sell story

Davis credits Mbeki with economic genius. The liberalization and success of the economy could not have been done without him, in the view of most South Africans.

"What we must do, however, is sell our success rather better. I am not negative. We have reached a remarkable level of political stability. We look at a country like Israel and think its odd, isn't it. Here's a country that grows at seven percent - and it's still politically unstable. The Arab-Israel problem is now ever more unresolved than before. We on the other hand are politically stable. We are not going to implode. We are not going to have a war. We might have: crime, but not a war."

So the things we have to convince foreign investors is that the country is there to stay, and the country is going to be a democracy. The other thing is - this government is serious about its economic reforms.

There's a bit of racism in it when people say African societics are banana cases, and blacks running a South African economy can't be anything else.

Venezuela and Kuwait also tion could not be considered universal because it was worked out withexpressed doubts over whether they out the states that hold nearly twowould join the Ottawa signing, citthirds of the world's population. ing concerns over state security. "Instead of consolidating the Poland, Australia and Egypt said world community the convention their governments would review the causes a division between those document. who support it and those who are Despite criticism, around 24 A VERY DIFFERENT countries - including France, not yet ready for the total ban on mines and suggest other ways for TWO DAYS ON THE

Widely recognized as perhaps Israel's most important security asset, the Golan is for the moment on the back

burner. But it won't be there for long. So what better time than now to join Shorashim and The Jerusalem Post Travel Club for an in-depth, English-speaking two day tour of the area. We'll visit the settlements, examine the security issues and view the terrain, the animals, the water and the beauty.

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The price: NIS 660. Includes transportation from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv and back, background lectures and on-the-spot explanations, entrance to all sites, half-board accommodation in a double room, dinner on the first day,

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26 die in **Arctic** explosion

OSLO (Rcuters) - Twentysix Russian and Ukrainian coal miners were killed yesterday when a powerful explosion ripped through a mine on the Arctic island of Spitzbergen, a Norwegian news agency said.

Authorities said 33 miners had escaped to safety after the blast, near the Russian settlement of Barentsburg on

Spitzbergen.
All 59 workers in the mine were later accounted for, the NTB agency reported. Russia's Interfax news

agency quoted the Emergencies Ministry in Moscow as saying the accident was caused by a methane explosion. NTB said 14 bodies were recovered and rescuers were attempting to bring the

remaining 12 to the surface. Operations were being hampered by heat and a lack of oxygen in the mine. Just over a year ago, 141 Russian and Ukrainian coal miners and their families were killed when a plane taking

them to the same mine

crashed into mountains before

landing on Spitzbergen. Russians and Ukrainians work for weeks at a time on the inhospitable island, half of which is covered in ice for most of the year. The mine is operated by the Russian company Trust Arktikugol.

HEALING MEANS TO MAKE WHOLE

Yonina Jacobs, M.A., B.S.S.H., clinical psychologist, healer, and gifted therapist, has raught, lectured, and consulted extensively with groups and individuals in the U.S., Europe and Israel for nineteen years. "Healing means to make whole," says Jacobs. "Our bodies have a marvelous built-in healing system with the ability to search out, diagnose and produce the pharmaceuticals necessary to heal. But sometimes we get so out of balance pharmaceuticats necessary to mean an assume that the system can't work as it should. We, as healers, try to restore the ability of the body to do the work it was designed to do."

Jacobs says: "Healing is as old as the planet. Our planet is electromagnetic in nature and everything alive on the planet has an electromagnetic field in and around it. We are all healers in that we are constantly transferring and transmitting energy; it is not really possible to teach healing. The School of Healing was established to teach people how to learn healing. Anyone can learn to use loving energy if they have an open heart and open mind."

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The student receives a certificate at the end of the course. Jacobs has treated all sorts of problems, from migraines, allergies and chronic pain, to arthritis, cancer and AIDS, frequently working alongside of doctors. Her students include people form all walks of life, including doctors and nurses. Some of them are practicing healers today.

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Ras al-Amud: Been there, done that

the City of David Visitors' Center, one of the four compounds that result: instead of the original 12 families make up the Jewish community in Silwan, you can look across the Kidron Valley and see the street in Ras al-Amud that has become Jerusalem's newest confrontation ground.

The jungle-gym, a comple of hundred meters from the Dung Gate, from whereyou can walk easily to the Western Wall, provides not only a magnificent view but also a telling perspective. Six years ago, in October 1991, the scene on the street in front of this compound, oow decorated with manicured lawns and yellow and orange flowers, bore a striking resemblance to the scene that has een playing itself out all week in front of the house in Ras al-Amud that Irving Moskowitz bought.

Then, as now, riot police struggled to keep Palestinians and Jews away from each other. Then, as now, the press camped out around the clock, waiting for some "action." Then, as now, politicos from Left and Right came to voice their opinions. Then, as now, Faisal Husseini, the Palestinian Authority's minister responsible for Jerusalem, came to the site, sat with the neighborhood's

Palestinian residents, and issued warnings. "The Jewish settlement in Silwan could destroy the peace process."
Husseini, then referred to simply as a "Palestinian activist," was quoted as saying. He appealed to the international community to intervene and stop Jews from moving into east Jerusalem. This week in Ras al-Amnd, Husseini said, and did, exactly the same thing.

In October 1991 the eyes of the world were very much on the Middle East, no less so than today. It was a period considered "delicate" and "sensitive" because Palestinian, Israeli and Jordanian delegations were meeting in Washington, hammering matters out prior to the Madrid Conference, which would begin just a few weeks later.

As a result of Jews moving into Silwan. Peace Now demonstrated, the world protested, most of the Jews were evicted, the attorney-general hemmed

result: instead of the original 12 families living among the Arabs of Silwan, there are today 20 families.

In the final analysis, admitted Peace Now leader Tzali Reshef, a veteran of the numerous battles to keep Jews out of Arab east Jerusalem, the same patiern, with similar results, is likely to repeat itself in Ras al-Amud. After the smoke clears, the press will move on to the next crisis, and the protesters will go back to their jobs and families. And the dedicated cone of right-wing activists - whether the original families who moved in or a "maintenance crew" - are likely to remain.

Har Homa is the most recent example of how this pattern works, but it's certainly not the only one. Over the last decade there have been numerous instances in which a Jewish compound set up in an Arab part of the city was accompanied by much fury and political commotion, only to remain intact, even bursting at the seams with Jewish residents long after the fury had dissipated and the commotion had died down.

And a physical presence, regardless of its size, is all that seems to matter. Just look at Hebron, suggests Yossi Banmol, the executive director of the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva in the Moslem Quarter, an organization that has been at the forefront of Jewish purchases in east Jerusalem. "If there are two or three Jewish families in an Arab neighborhood, people are going to visit, it gives a sense of security, it makes that street feel part of Israel. And if, God forbid, the government wants to divide Jerusalem, we can look at Hebron and see that a few Jewish families are the ones who determined the border - not the army, not Netanyahu, not Arafat."

In addition to Silwan, there are numerous other examples. MK Benny Elon's Beit Orot Yeshiva is located in a house. also owned by Moskowitz on the opposite side of the Mount of Olives from Ras al-Amnd. It too was established amid a storm of protest and outcries in 1990.

The same could be said of Ariel Sharon's home in the Moslem Quarter,

Dead-of-night entry, outrage, demonstrations. Police presence, politicians holding forth, international outcries. High Court rulings, evictions, re-entries. As **Herb Keinon** observes, the controversy over Ras al-Amud is playing itself out according to a

well-worn scenario.

which he moved into just as the intifada were allowed to keep guards there to was erupting in December 1987: Riots in Jerusalem that month were at first largely attributed to Sharon's decision to move into the Moslem Quarter.

And then there was St. John's Hospice. When 150 settlers moved into the building in the Old City on Ash Wednesday in 1990, again there was an outcry, condemnation at the UN, burning tires, the High Court, and eviction. That time the Jews watch the property. These "guards," men and women, have since married and even had children. The net result: 10 Jewish families now live in the hospice, now known as Neot David.

It was perhaps with the St. John's precedent in mind that Likud MK Michael Kleiner, head of the Eretz Yisrael lobby in the coalition, advised the group who moved into Ras al-Amud to accept the

home and a group of guards would enter. "This compromise would take the issue out of the headlines," Kleiner said. "The principle of Jewish ownership there would be maintained. I would not be stubborn about insisting that those staying in the house must be families, and not

guards or maintenance men." When all is said and done, said Labor MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, the group of right-wing activist will remain in Ras al-Amud because their "level of ideological commitment" is much higher than those who are protesting against them.

But at what price the "victory"? Faisal Husseini, speaking during one of his many visits to the site throughout the week, said that the examples cited above are leading to an accumulative feeling among the Palestinians of helplessness, frustration and despair.

"If the people see that we are not get ting results, they will choose another way, maybe another leadership. And I don't know what will happen after that, what kind of price we will have to pay," he said in hushed tones, as people clamored around him Wednesday to speak to him about Ras al-Amud.

Husseini said that if the present tactic "non-violent" resistance doesn't do the job, doesn't keep Jews from moving into Arab parts of the city, the end result will be that the Palestinians will embrace other means of resistance.

Reshef claims that although the settlers appear to win localized types of battles in Jerusalem, the Left is winning the war. "Maybe in the short term they are win-ning," he said of the Right, "But not if you take a longer view. Look, we have returned all of Sinai to Egypt, moved out of all the [main] Palestinian population centers. The fight is no longer over Eretz Yisrael, but over a parcel here or there. Everyone realizes there is no going back."

But the struggles for the small parcels, especially when they are in Jerusalem, are highly significant.

Ateret Cohanim's Baumol says the Ras al-Amud saga is proceeding in exactly the same way as the other precedents in

compromise put forward this week, Jerusalem. There's nothing to indicate that whereby they would leave the Moskowitz the conclusion will be any different from what finally happened in Silwan, St. John's Hospice or Har Homa. He said that even the Western Wall Tunnel, the spark that set off a round of violence last year, is

"open and running despite all the "noise." "This time we are operating under even better conditions," he said. "This time the move took place after a terror incident, and not before; and it took place after [US Secretary of State Madeleine] Albright's failed mission, not before or during it." This way, Baumol said, no one can blame the move into Ras al-Amud for the terror, or for the apparent futility of the Albright trip.

But, counters Peace Now political secretary Mossy Raz, there are a couple of differences between Ras al-Amud and similar moves in the past. First of all, "this time we will make sure that there is a constant flow of people to the site. They (the right-wing activists] want the issue to die down, to get knocked off the headlines. We do not intend to let that happen."

The second difference, according to Raz, "is that this time the prime minister. at least publicly, has come out against the move." This was not the case with the previous incidents. In fact, the government of former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir reportedly covertly funded the move into St. John's Hospice. something that caused acute embarrassment to the Americans, who were then considering the loan guarantees for Soviet immigrants.

Professor Shmuel Sandler, a Bar-Ilan University political science professor who specializes in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, said there is another difference surrounding the Ras al-Amud move that may dictate a different outcome: Netanyahu's political desire to focus world opinion not on settlements, but on security. The terror incidents in Jerusalem worked against the Palestinians during Albright's visit," Sandler said. "The emphasis she placed on the need for security was because of these attacks. Ras al-Amud will draw attention away from security and onto settlements. This is something Netanyahu peither wants nor needs."



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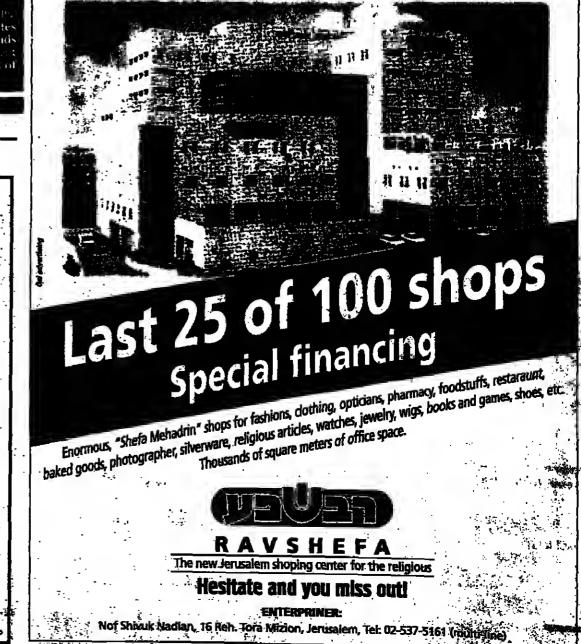
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Nasrallah: Hizbullah's ruthless realist

heikh Sa'id Hassan Nasraliah is a man who walks constantly in the shadow of Lebanon's valleys of death.

Five years ago he became Hizbullah's operational leader of choice, after his predecessor Abbas Musawi was killed by an IDF helicopter raid. Two years ago he himself may have been spared by a fateful IDF accident at Tze elim, during a special forces rehearsal for an operation widely leaked later as targeting him.

"The Israelis are famous throughout history for killing prophets and all principled men," said the bearded Nasrallah at the time. They will try again, but should know the more of us they

kill, the mightier we grow."

Last week Nasrallah's 18-yearold son Hadi was among four Hizbullah and six Lebanese soldiers killed in a clash with the IDF. The "normalization" of Lebanon has passed by Hizbullah, the Party of

Hizbullah is not

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God. While other former gunmen of the civil war concern themselves with cellphones. stock prices and smuggling Johnnie Walker, the culting-edge warriors of the resistance still clack Kalashnikovs, flock to marryrs funerals and punch the air where, presumably, the Zionist menace hovers.

Over the last that their tactical couple of years, Lebanon's President Rafik Hariri has been trying to clean up at least the bits of Beirut tourists might see on their way

north from the airport, past the gray concrete Ouzai mosque with its faded Khomeini banners.

Hariri has managed to get Hizbullah to remove the garish giant posters of martyrs that stretched along the airport road - heroes oozing blood, throwing hombs, killing Israelis, entering kitschy paradise. The Hizbullah leader's son would merit a mighty one of those.

Nasrallah last year sarcastically suggested Hariri would be better occupied putting up electricity lines than taking down posters. Privately, Hariri and his middleclass Lebanese are less worried by the southern occupiers than by the

other occupiers. They can see an end in sight to the Israelis - but the Syrians, who knows?

Theoretically, today's Lebanonweary Israel could strike some fruitful bargaining with leaders like Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah or even Nasrallah himself (if it's not too busy planning to assassinate him).

But practically, it's a nonstarter, since Hizbullah is President Hafez Assad's on-off terrorist bargaining chip. Hizbullah leaders are probably as war-weary as the Israelis but they have no options while the occupation lasts. The occupation of the Golan, that is.

Hizbullah has served Damascus well. Look at the current disgust of a growing number of Israelis with south Lebanon's casualties. The casualties are mostly military on both sides, given the grisly "understandings" reached after the Grapes of Wrath operation last year on who can be killed.

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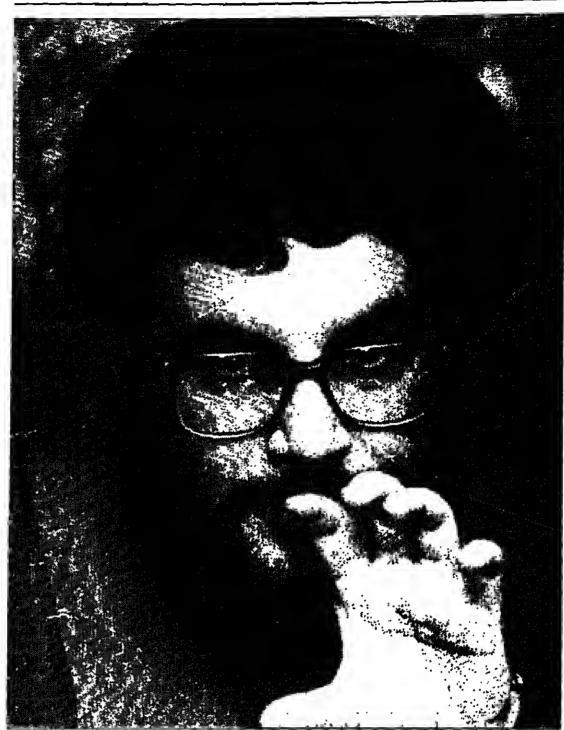
ing nothing.

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WHAT IS this Hizbullah of the southern suburbs today, and what does it want? Who is its relentless leader who bas forged such an effective guerrilla force?

The shorthand version, residing in the Israeli public perception, is that of a shadowy terrorist force of ruthless, suicidal killers driven by batred of Jews and bent on the destruction of Israel, on the road to establishing yet another fanatical Islamic Republic.

Iran funds it for its Islamic agenda, Syria facilitates its anti-Israeli operations, using Lebanese as proxies to save Syrians from What is Hizbullah, and what does it really want? Thomas O'Dwyer looks at Hassan Nasrallah, its relentless leader, and asks: Is a settlement with the sheikh really impossible?



As in most things Middle Eastern, the truth is a good deal more complex. So is Sheikh

Nasrallah. Hizbullah is not a unified force: it is riven with internal division. Its spiritual home is not in Iran, but in Shi'ite Iraq's holy city of Najaf.

The 37-year-old Nasrallah and Hizbullah spiritual leader Sheikh Mobammed Hussein Fadlallah are alumni of Baalbek Theological School in the Bekaa Valley. The college follows the teachings of Lebanese-born Ayatollah Mohammed Bakr as-Sadr, who founded the Dawa movement in Najaf during the early '60s. Saddam

Hussein had Sadr assassinated in

Iran's mullahs may want Hizbullah to lead the way to an Islamic Republic of Lebanon and a march on Jerusalem. Nasrallah doing either.

Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas are not interchangeable names for the same enemy, for a very good reason. One organization is Shi'ite, the other two Sunni. Hizbullab is not implacably opposed to regional peace - hoth

Nasrallah and its spiritual leader Fadlallah are on record many times as saying their tactical objective is the removal of Israelis from Lebanon. After that, they are said to have no interest in taking the war into Galilee.

Nasrallah. a member of Hizbullah's 11-member supreme council, was elected unanimously after the slaying of Musawi. He was a disciple of Musawi. Both came from the Bekaa Valley. Nasrallah was the choice of Iran, approved by Syria.

He has lived up to our initial assessment" said an intelligence source who asked not to be named. "He is tough, but more intellectual in a broader sense than Musawi. But he has steered close to Musawi's line and kept good relations with Amal, the Syrians, and [former Iranian president Hashemi] Rafsanjani.

Amal was the former dominant Shi'ite grouping, long since overshadowed by its more radical off-

shoot Hizbullah. The source said Nasrallah has kept an eye on making Hizbullah a leginmate political force as well as a military one. He has an enemy in the organization. former Hizbullah secretarygeneral Subhi Tufeyli, a man who considers Nasrallah to be

weakling. Others say that Nasrallah is both a radical and a realist.

NASRALLAH'S first test came

quickly in February 1992, when at

Syria's behest he committed

Hizbullah to halting Katyusha

rocket attacks across the northern

border. Even amid the emotive

fervor surrounding a 20,000-

strong memorial service for

Musawi, Nasrallah managed to

mix required rhetoric against the

hated Zionists with agreement not

Nasrallah's roots were in the

more moderate Amal, in which he

was a young leader responsible for

the Bekaa Valley in the early

1980s. Then he took a few dozen

followers and defected to

Hizbullah with the aim of founding

the "Islamic Resistance," a group

with the objective of driving the

IDF out of Lebanon. He also led

parliamentary elections in October

Hizbullah is not the slogan-

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ing puppets it is often taken for -

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True, it pays lip service to the pay-

masters in Teberan. As the last

armed militia in Lebanon, it also

operates under strict and detailed

But Hizbullah's leaders do have minds and agendas of their own.

Hizbullah's long-term interests are

in Beirut, not Jerusalem, and are

said to be formulated in Beirut,

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1992 and won eight mandates.

to attack Galilee settlements.

Fadlallah has publicly addressed the Middle East peace issue: "No matter how complicated the issues

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appear to be now, a compromise will be achieved in due time. It is not likely in the near time, but it will come...." This was not quite Teheran's line. Even more fascinating was Fadlallah's ruminating over the Oslo accords as they unfolded. He

told reporters that the "total annihilation" of the state of Israel was "unlikely" because of peace agreements already reached. Such a remark seems to imply tacit recognition of the Jewish state.

The peace option has already been written in the region's historic memory. The war option is therefore no longer the exclusive one." Fadiallah said.

Nasrallah too spoke of "window," after the Grapes of Wrath understandings which sharply reduced civilian casual-

ties in southern Lebanon. He said then Hizbullah launched fewer attacks against the IDF. But he added that "this is no

the paymasters weakening of Hizbullah is not Hizbullah's resolve to drive the organization lsraelis from Lebanon." of gun-toting puppets it is

In November 1993, Nasrallah even told the London Independent that Hizbullah would "close the file" on Israel when the last IDF soldier

leaves Lebanon. Hizbullah is also not as close an ally of the Palestinians as some in Israel tend to believe. The coolness between the Shi'ites and the

amid solidarity rhetoric. Nasrallah is a former leader of Amal, and few organizations have wreaked such destruction on the Palestinians as Amal did in the Camps War of Beirut of the mid-

Palestinians is often overlooked

While bitterly critical of the type of accord Yasser Arafat was making when he concluded the Oslo Accords with Israel in 1993, Nasrallah made it clear that Arafat could lie on his own bed, "Hizbullah will concentrate on pursuing a conventional political role in Lebanon after Israel's departure," he said.

"The occupation of Jerusalem is an abnormal situation that cannot continue," Nasrallah said, and there will be resistance to the Israeli occupation; but we believe this is the responsibility of the Palestinian people."

"When Israel occupied Lebanon, did we ask for anyone to come and fight on our behalf?" Nasrallah asked.

"Nobody can fight for Palestinian land other than the Palestinian people, who resist inside Palestine. This nobody other than the Palestinians themselves can do.

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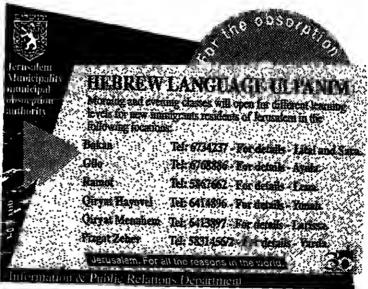
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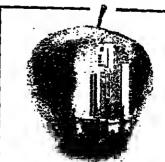
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A nasty storm, fast brewing up



he next war doesn't have a name yet. But if it comes it will be nasty, close to home, pointless, and probably soon.

This is the feeling among several Israeli military experts, interviewed this week after the startling news conference called by a senior IDF officer to announce that the army is making preparations to meet guerrilla warfare in the territories.

The briefing was denounced by ministers as alarmist and viewed in some circles as politically motivated. But some experts say the warning reflects a growing professional appraisal within the military of an approaching storm that the civilian authorities prefer not to sec.

"I can see an intifada, or popular uprising, including stone throwing and roadblocks, combined with guerrilla warfare - like in Lebanon with roadside mines and gunfire," a widely-respected former senior intelligence officer says.

"That isn't even a worst-case sce-nario. It's all speculation, of course. But if there is no movement politically, a scenario like this is literally unavoidable. Do you think," be asks, "that just because the government refuses to give them anything the Palestinians will give up 100 years of Palestinian 'Zionism'? Ridiculous.

The IDF might enter Palestinian cities if they prove to be bases of an uprising, the retired officer says. But it could be that the cities would remain perfectly quiet and everything would happen in areas B and which are under Israeli security control. "The Palestinian Authority could then say, 'It's your area of responsibility, not ours."

Whatever the scenario, the intelligence officer says, the IDF is only a technical factor, not a prime player. The IDF is not important in this. The only element that matters is the

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Oren Shahor, the recently retired government coordinator for the territories, believes that guerrilla warfare is the lesser of the dangers confronting Israel.

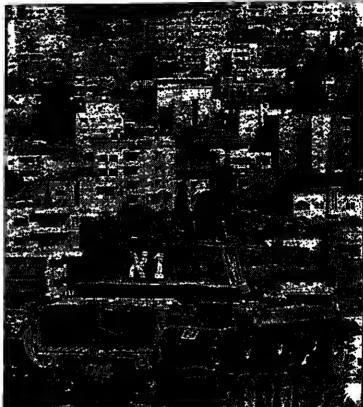
Guerrilla warfare could be an intermediary stage. It might involve armed bands attacking the army, or settlers with gunfire and Molotov cocktails [firebombs]. But the bigger danger is a violent popular uprising," Shahor says. Such an uprising may escalate into the use of weapons by the Palestinian Police like what happened after the opening of the archeological tunnel in the Old City last year.

The Palestinians have tens of

thousands of weapons. A general uprising is more dangerous than guerrilla warfare, and putting it down would be a very difficult matter - not just because of the question of Israel's image, but because of the technical problem of dealing with

Shahor, who has joined the Labor Party, said it would be difficult for the army to operate in an environment where civilian demonstrators, including women and children.

Expert opinion isn't prophecy but there's a strong sense among military experts that Israel is in for a rough time. **Abraham Rabinovich** presents their views



IDF tanks near Ramallah during last year's September riots. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

vere mixed in with armed elements. "I don't think we will attempt to enter the Palestinian cities unless there are Israelis trapped in them," Shahor says, "It would be a bloody business as we saw [during the posttunnel violence] at Joseph's Tomb in

Shahor believes that the surrounding Arab countries, particularly Syria, are unlikely to remain indifferent to a Palestinian uprising.
"I don't say they will attack, but

they would heat up Lebanon by encouraging Hizbullah; and they could change their army deployment to increase tension. They've done it before," Shahor says.

Syrian divisions close to the front are now capable of launching an attack on the Golan directly from their camps without any telltale forward deployment, Shahor says. "But I don't think they will attempt to fire missiles. They know what Israel's reaction would be."

egypt and Jordan Would also b likely to make some diplomatic move, be adds, perhaps recalling

their ambassadors. "The price of such a war could be

said some time ago that the Palestinians would be willing to take tens of thousands of casualties to achieve their goals, and asked how many casualties Israel was prepared to suffer."

Shahor believes that "in the end we will return to the negotiating table, but from a weakened position. That's what happened in the Hebron Agreement. We could have achieved more had it not been for the September [1996] riots."

A less dramatic view is taken by Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yehoshua Saguy, former chief of military intelligence and now Likud mayor of Bat Yam.

"I just don't know what will hap-pen, but I don't think it will be a guerrilla war," he says. "This iso't the terrain for a classic guerrilla war. There aren't forests, and I don't see tunnels being dug, like in Vietnam. What I can see is a stepped-up intifada with weapons and grenades and Molotov cocktails."

Saguy says that "logically, the Palestinians would be ill-advised to do this; they have too much to lose, They didn't use weapons during the intifada - not because they didn't

didn't want to have the IDF reply in

"Difficult as it might be for them now, it will be worse if they resort to force. Now they have what they have, and they enjoy world sympa-thy. But logic doesn't always previa in the Middle East."

Saguy would not advise the IDF to try to reenter Palestinian cities, except in dire situations such as a

siege of the Hebron settlers.

As for the possibility of war with Syria and reports of fran's advances in acquiring nonconventional weapons, there is nothing new here to warrant a strategic reassessment, Saguy says. "I feel that some of these statements serve political goals.

Prof. Martin van Creveld of the Hebrew University, Israel's best-known military historian, also does not think guerrilla warfare is the likeliest option. "I would not advise the Palestinians to try it," he said. "They would be blown away."

The likelier option, he says, is ter-rorism. "It's what Mao Tse-tung called the first stage of guerrilla warfare. I don't think the Palestin-

ians would go beyond that."

Although there might be sniping, the Palestinians are unlikely to engage in an open armed struggle unless the IDF tries to break into their cities.

However, van Creveld says, there can be no certainty. "These things can get out of hand."

The Palestinians should not assume that their cities are impenetrable, he says, certainly not to covert actions. "We can expect terrorism to go on as long as our govemment, whether Likud or Labor, doesn't do what has to be done: build a Berlin Wall between us and the Palestinians that even a bug can't penetrate," van Creveld adds. Putting up a wall, the military his-

torian grants, is far from the vision of a new Middle East shared by many until not long ago. "But it could be a precondition for a new Middle East. First you have to impose peace."

Van Creveld believes it unlikely

that the Syrians will go to war.

The very worst thing would be a small-scale attempt on the Golan," he says. "To fight Israel without having nuclear weapons would be madness, and they can't delude themselves anymore that Israel doesn't have nuclear weapons."

To fight it with nuclear weapons would be even greater madness and they know it. Their missiles are mainly for deterrence."

From the Syrians' standpoint, vati Creveld says, Israel has twice attacked them with hardly any provocation, just on the whim of a defense minister. In 1967 it was Moshe Dayan, in 1982, Ariel Sharon.

Thus Syria feels "exposed, and in need of a deterrent."

E xpert opinion is not to be confused with prophecy but there is a strong sense among those who are, or used to be, paid to think about such things that we may be rounding heavy for us," Shahor says. "Arafat have them, but because they wisely a bend into a rough stretch of mad.

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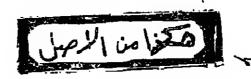
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Jewish residents of Zemun are edgy, anticipating what the town's ultranationalist mayor will do after his bid for the Serbian presidency suffers its expected defeat on Sunday Michael J. Jordan reports

vote for Serbian president, rabid ultranationalist Vojislav Seselj can be counted on after the election to resume the reign of terror he has unleashed in Zemun since becoming mayor in November.

This could mean more bad news for the 170 Jews who live in the ethnically diverse town, a suburb adjacent to the eapital. Belgrade, While Seselj has mostly targeted local ethnic Croats for harassment, be bas ereated a elimate increasingly hostile to any-

Early this summer, the Jewish community's 147-year-old synagogue - sold to the Communists in 1961, long after some fourfifths of Zemun's lews perished in the Holocaust - was converted into a trendy nightclub. This despite the synagogue's designation as a state-protected histori-cal monument and a long-standing agreement to use it only for cultural purposes.

In July, local Jews were dealt a second blow. Nine beadstones in the Jewish cometery were desecrated, allegedly by youths.

Seselj himself may not be antisemitic, say observers, but his virulent brand of chauvinism may have inspired the acts. They say it's unlikely the Serbian Radical Party leader, who reportedly coordinated campaigns of "ethnic cleansing" during the war in Croatia and Bosnia, bas added Jews to his list.

"These were not acts of antisemitism," said Aca Singer, president of the Yugoslav Federation of Jewish Communities, representing the country's 3,000 Jews. They were acts of stupidity."

Seselj refused comment. A party spokesman says he is not granting interviews to Western

populist has tapped into right-Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and his Socialist Party. Seselj's one-time ally failed to join Serbia with Serb-inhabited lands in Bosnia and Croatia. He bas since been unable to revive the economy after three years of devastating UN sanctions.

Seselj's fiery rhetoric has also won over the 600,000-plus ethnic Serb refugees from Bosnia and Croatia, who now live in limbo in the Yugoslav federation of Serbia and Montenegro and denounce

Milosevic as a traitor. So Seselj alone carries the banner for "Greater Serbia." He and Milosevic pursued it together in the early stages of the war, with the Socialists and Radicals comprising the ruling evalition. Milosevic reportedly gave Seselj the go-ahead to have his notori-

long shot to win Sunday's ous paramilitary force funnel arms and cash to Croatian and Bosnian Serbs. Later, Serbian Radicals were said to have also pitched in on the battlefield.

But the alliance cracked in 1993 when Milosevic ostensibly turned peacemaker, attempting to ease the year-old UN sanctions strangling Yugoslavia. Seselj accused him of betraying Serb interests and became his fiercest

Milosevic later had a slew of Radicals arrested for war crimes; in 1995 he jailed Seselj for four months for demonstrating against his Bosnia policies. Seselj retaliated last year by threatening to incriminate Milosevie - and himself in the process - if the premier permitted indicted Bosnian war criminals to be extradited to the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

Today, Seselj's popularity surges as Milosevic's wanes. Yet analysts predict Seselj will capture only 10 to 12 percent of this weekend's vote, finishing second or even third behind Zoran Lilic, Milosevic's band-picked successor.

So Seselj will probably bave to settle for wreaking more bavoc in

THIS SUMMER, Seselj allowed at least four Croat families to be expelled from their homes to make room for Serb refugees. Then a four-year-old boy was denied entry to a kindergarten because he was a Croat.

Around town, Seselj, a huge gangly blond, is often seen toting a pistol, surrounded by a coterie of thick-necked bodyguards. He relishes his tough-guy image. Following a heated televised debate with a prominent Belgrade lawyer, the advocate was badly beaten up by one of Seselj's bodyguards.

Most Zemun residents seem THE CHARISMATIC, articulate afraid to speak out, as Seselj brooks no political opposition. PHOT to a grassroots Alliance Independent Citizens of Zemun, the office of one organizer was firebombed.

> "God help us if he becomes president," said Alliance vice-president Ljubomir Rankov, whose print shop was partially damaged in the late-July blast He said Zemun is an experiment for how he would run the country. That means he would eliminate anyone who doesn't think

To encourage "conversion," the new mayor is nurturing a personality cult. He erected a new kiosk in Zemun's sleepy downtown immediately after taking office, lining its windows with the 50-odd books he has supposedly authored. Titles like We Shall Rule for

100 Years are selling briskly,

according to kiosk operator Dejan Drageljevic, as are the two

folk-music tapes dedicated to

him, with odes like "Good Morning, Mr. President" and Vojislay, Our Savior." There are also two videotapes on sale. one of which highlights the visit to Seselj made by French nationalist Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Seselj has also hosted Russian Vladimír Zhirinovsky, in a right-wing display of Slavic solidarity. Drageljevic is a Seselj fan and says he'll vote for him.

"Seselj also bas his good side," he said. "The streets are cleaner, the garbage is collected more often, and the city administration runs more smoothly."

THAT'S LITTLE consolation to Vladimir Ser, president of Zemun's Jewish community. Traced to the late 18th century, Zemun's is the fourth oldest Yugoslavia, after Dubrovnik, Split and Sarajevo. Its lasting legacy was the brick Ashkenazi synagogue, crowned by a pair of stone tablets engraved with the Ten Commandments. The Jewish community, Ser said, had no choice but to sell because of the Communist crusade against religion.

Ser had hoped to cobble together enough funds to reacquire the building - in which his parents were married - and revive Jewish spiritual life. But an entrepreneur beat him to it. The new owner obtained city permission to tear out the decrepit pews and balcony, which had seated 1,000 in its day.

Ser, 62, is still seething about the city's move, though he was visibly nervous about criticizing Seselj directly.

Communist rule I couldn't learn even the most elementary things about Judaism," said Ser, a successful businessman. Now, after all we Jews have been through. this is done in the name of democracy and the free market."

It's unclear how long Seselj will remain a fixture on the Serbian political stage. There is growing international pressure for Milosevic to get rid of him. (The New York-based Human Rights Watch recently condemned the expulsions of Zemun's Croats.) With his control of the police, army and electronic media, say observers, it should be easy enough to do.

But Milosevic apparently still finds Seselj useful.

Take the current political crisis in the Bosnian Serb Republic, the Serb-run bit of Bosnia. Seselj, who earlier this month described NATO peacekeepers as an "occuas president, he would ignore the Dayton peace accords. He reportedly sent some of his henchmen down to the republic to clash with NATO troops in support of hardline forces, exhorting his Bosnian Serb brethren to engage in "Palestinian-style resistance."

Also earlier this month, when asked about his party's ideology. Seselj said, "We're not fascist. We're just chauvinists who hate

Milosevic, meanwhile, is under international pressure to back the moderates.

As long as Seselj serves a purpose, he'll stick around, say analysts. Besides, they note cynically, Milosevic surely realizes that next to Seselj he's a virtual moderate, more palatable both abroad



(Top) Rabid ultranationalist Mayor of Zemun, Vojislav Seselj, is a long shot to win Serbia's presi dential race on Sunday; (above) early this summer Zemun's 147-year-old synagogue - an historical landmark - was converted into a trendy nightchib. While Seselj may not be directly responsible, some believe his chauvinism has inspired this, as well as other antisemitic acts.

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A tragedy named Moskowitz



By AMOTZ ASA-EL

aught on a Manhaman side-walk by a merciless thunderstorm, Zvi Auslander rushed into the oearest building. incidentally a residential high-rise.

Having nothing better to do
while waiting out the storm, be

scanned the oumerous mail boxes; the common denominator among the scores of Cohen, Berkowitz, Moskowitz, Shapiro, Goldberg, and Lefkowitz nameplates was as obvious as the sceot of borsebt rising from a Polish Seder table.

Auslander, oblivious to the wrathful dowopour which pounded, hacked and hailed on the street scene just outside the glass wall behind him, pierced with his idealist's gaze the junk mail-laden boxes as if to elicit the attention of his long-lost brethren who lurked

behind them. Back at bome at the eod of that winter day in 1970, Auslander - a Holocaust survivor oo a brief sojourn to the New World whence his hard-won, Jew-thirsty State of Israel expected him to send it more Jews — told his family in a typical mixture of amusement, angst and disillusionment: "This morning I

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located the Jewish people."

Just as that discovery reflected the

Jewish people's chronically dismembered limbs, so does the phenomenon called Irving Moskowitz reflect a kind of national schizophrenia that plagues no one other than Jews. The symptoms of those plagued by this disease are a demand on their part that others be at least as patriotic as Joan of Arc while personally being the equiva-

lent of draft dodgers.
This week, a bewildered Middle Israel looked on while the Miamibased bingo-parlor entrepreneur, from his encampment at the King David, set out on a self-appointed mission to fix what he sees as wrong in the life of a country where he isn't even a citizen.

Few things could have been as surreal as the contradiction between his distorted ultra-Zionist agenda and the aloofness of his velvet-draped lodging, not to men-tion the English in which he addresses his Israeli adversaries, whose lives are at least arguably risked by his actions.

Having spent the best years of our youth marching, running and crawling across this promised land's prickly hills while shackled to the rifle, helmet, and combat vest which Moskowitz never touched, we Middle Israelis seethe with fury when a Jew who never joined us as a soldier or a taxpayer not only pontificates on how to manage our most sensitive affairs, but also actively meddles in them.

Not only does Moskowitz epitoing the kind of latent disrespect for mize the very Jew whom Zionism

failed to bring here, but oow the Miami mogul insists on rocking the soil in which Auslander is now Moskowitz will probably never

understand this harsh statement. But the fact is he exemplifies the Exilic Jew's antithesis to the New Jew that Zionism sought to create here. Not so much because when people like my parents came here to bleed, sweat and weep while building a new state Moskowitz preferred to leave them to their devices while he sought greed elsewhere; but because he – like a medieval moneylender - thinks he can manipulate anything with his wealth, and because be evidently has no respect for the Jewish

When counting the blessings of Jewish statehood, people usually think first of the territory and the military that constitute the haven which Jews once so tragically lacked. But equally significant are the institutions which enable this fragile society to grope its way through the geopolitical fog which has been blurring Israel's horizon

state's political process.

since its inception. In other words, our founding fathers aimed not only to geographically relocate and physically secure the Jews, but also to politically educate them to become members of a mature, pluralistic society where debate is open to all taxpayers, while policy is the exclusive province of their elected

To achieve this meant eradicat-

assorted Czars, emperors, dukes ate oearly \$100 billion. The reason and other powers-that-be which, none of that money was used until understandably, was common among Jews after centuries of persecution. To a large extent, this has been accomplished here. But Moskowitz - being the throwback m Exile which he embodies thinks he can force a majority of Israeli poliocians, including the

ister of defense, to sancoon a move they openly oppose.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that, as if to follow in the footsteps of Masada's zealots - whose onedimensional understanding of the world they lived in maneuvered them iotn a mass grave -Moskowitz is obsessively attracted to the Mount of Olives slopes, the

prime minister, president and min-

Jewish cemetery. And as if to correspond to the most potent andsemitic stereotype, the name of his game is not persuading, or even negotiating, but

site of the world's most populated

Moskowitz didn't vote for our premier, but he donated to his campaign. He didn't move to a West Bank settlement - as be should have, according in the intensity of his convictions - but he bought Arab-owned houses. And oow he refuses in acknowledge that Ras al-Amud is not a real-estate challenge but a political powder keg with which he has oo moral right

Apparently it does oot occur to him that, with all due respect to his few million dollars, Israel's hardworking taxpayers annually gener-

today for buying three houses in Ras al-Amud is not that the funds weren't available, but that the local citizenry, through its elected leaders, did not share the poliocal mindset that must accompany such a tunnel-visioned move.

Beyond that, if buying is the name of the game, what would Moskowitz do if Saudi, Libyan or Kuwaio millionaires followed his lead and bought, through intermediaries, houses io Ramat Aviv, Ahuza, or Mea She'arim?

Mr. Moskowitz, do you want to put your capital in work for Israel? No problem. You can buy into our increasingly privatized state assets; purchase a stake in a high-tech start-up; build a conservatory in an off-the-beateo-path development town; install heaters in the houses of lonely pensioners; finance train ing programs for the unemployed: hire tutors for Ethiopian children. help Russian immigrants pay their rents and young couples meet their mortgages. There's no shortage here of non controversial uses for

your money.

Do you want in dabble in our polides? Then you must live here with us, be part and parcel of our collective moments of joy and despair, pay our exorbitant taxes, and run for our thankless polidical offices.

If elected, you'll be fully licensed to deal with the Palestinians as much as you please. In fact, maybe you'd find a

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Bill of Rights but on the Ten

Commandments. And although along with obligation often comes privilege, there remains a critical distinction between the two: One can voluntarily renounce a privilege, but one is always responsible to fulfill an obligation.

Torah and Israel are primarily obligations, therefore, neither can be arbitrarily renounced unless Jewish tradition ordains such renunciation as necessary for the continued existence of the Jewish

The fruits

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people. Uotil now, we have assumed that participadoo in the historical continuum of Israel is a matter of birth more than anything else, and that the land of Israel is our national birthplace. In Tractate Mishna Bikkurim (First Fruits), the question is raised as to whether a convert can bring first fruits, since he must intooe the phrase "My father was a wandering Aramean" - and

his biological father was not descended from Jacob. : Similarly, Maimonides was asked by Obadiah the Proselyte whether he or any other convert could recite the Amida, which opens with the words, "Our God and the God of our fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God

of Jacob." In both instances, Maimonides rules in the affirmative, stressing the metaphysical relationship between the convert and Abraham, which is far deeper than any biological tie.

Indeed, the Sages of the Talmud rule that a proselyte is newborn at the time of his cooversion and is then given a new name which includes "the son/daughter of Abraham and Sarah." It, is precisely with this "genealogy" that the proselyte is called to the Torah and asks of the Almighty to be healed

if in need of a cure.

Perhaps it is for this reason the Land of Israel is oot referred to in the Bible as our birthplace. The relative unimportance of the place where one is biologically born may be seen in God's directive "Get thee forth from thy land, thy 'birthplace,' and the land of thy fathers ..." (Genesis 12:1). The Hebrew word the Torah uses in that context for birthplace is moledet - and Abraham is being ordered to clear ont of there!

Far more important than moledet is morasba, beritage, which is the word used for the land of Israel at the beginning of the Book of Exodus (Va'era) and for the Torah of Israel further on in Deuteronomy (33:4). Morasha - heritage - is the

Hebrew causadve form of the root meaning "inheritance," literally ordaining that the recipient must pass on the inheritance to subsequent generations. A birthplace speaks of the past, whereas a heritage speaks of the future.

Western culture when it stresses "chosen heritage" over "biological birth" and "mandated obligation" over "inherited privilege,"

Shabbat Shalom

Of giving and taking



By MOSHE KOHN

TS Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, with the strong backing perhaps even urging - of both houses of Congress, may at long last have restored the idea of reciprocity to the discussion between Israel and Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian

Authority. Reciprocity - giving and taking mutually has been notably absent from the Oslo Process since its public beginning on the White House lawn on September 13, 1993. Under the Rabin and Peres administrations. Israel did all the significant giving while the Arafatians mainly took. Then, when the Netanyahu administration started cutting down on the one-sided giving, with the major exception of Hebron, the Arafatians responded mainly by demanding.

Now Arafat, after listening in some tough talk by Albright and perhaps further impelled by the congressional actions, told the joint news conference he held with Albright after their meeting in Ramallah on September 11 that his people and the Jews "are partners in the peace process," and pledged that the PA "will bear all its responsibilities."

In a meeting in Ramallah with Leah Rabio earlier that same day, Arafat also said, "The peace of the brave needs to be protected."

All that remains, then, is for him and his PA colleagues to start performing the brave acts needed in show that they truly consider us partners in a genuine pursuit of peace. Until they do so - for a start, by ruthlessly extirpating physical terrorism from the areas they control and putting an end to the bellicose and

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often antisemitic verbal terrorism in the communications and educational media they control - there is no reason for Israel to concede any more than we have already much too generously conceded, or to place any more trust in the Arafatians than we have already generously placed.

If their pledges prove to be only more words cast into the wind, we hope that Albright's and Congress's words will prove to be more than merely for the record.

ALBRIGHT WAS reportedly disappointed over Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's failure to commit himself to curtailing construction in Jewish localities in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District, even if the PA effec-

tively combats terrorism. Such construction, we have been told over the years, "provokes" the Palestinians and is dence."

It is high time the Americans and others learned that everything the Jews do as sovereigns anywhere in Eretz Yisrael provokes the Arab political and religious (Moslem, Christian and secular) leadership here and throughout the region, and nothing we do here

carns their trust. Albright reportedly was generally disappointed over achieving less than whatever it was she had hoped to achieve during her visit, and said she wouldn't be returning until we and our interlocutors have taken some "tough decisions.

This is implicitly a return to evenhandedness where affirmative action is called for. Israel and its predecessors in the Zionist Movement have taken some very tough deci-

In 1922 we accepted Winston Churchill's handing the East Bank of the Jordan (the area of Eretz Yisrael then known as Transjordan) to the Hejazi Beduin prince Abdullah.

We accepted the fact (though not the principle) of further partition in 1937 (Royal [Peel] commission) and again in 1947 (United

Early this year we handed over Hebron. where our history goes back 4,000 years, to the relatively late arrivals from the Arabian Peninsula led by the Egyptian-born Yasser

What "tough decisions" have they taken? What have they given us in return? Their agreement to kiss our cheeks and talk to us in order to receive more?

MEANWHILE, SOME news-mediacrats continue to play with the news.

Some media did not carry a single word about the demonstration of 1,000 Arab highschool pupils in Khan Yunis in the Gaza district on September 11, the day Albright and Arafat met in Ramallab. The demonstrators burned a US flag and an Israeli flag, complaining that US policy favors Israel. They issued a threatening statement "If the US administration insists on the same policy, we will not stand by quietly with our hands tied, and we will face the challenge of this policy by all means, even if the price will be more

Internet's America On Line (aoI) service carried a series of Associated Press stories, datelined Ramallah, dealing mainly with the Albright-Arafat meeting.

The first, by Samar Assad, reported it as above in paragraphs 6-8 of a 20-paragraph

The second story, by Barry Schweid, a quarter of an hour later, didn't mention the demonstration at all:

The third story, three hours later, again by Assad, repeated the report as above, but in paragraphs 16-18.

The fourth story, again by Schweid, mendoned the demonstration in paragraph 20 of a 22-paragraph story, but omitted the bloody

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FOR A change, in praise of a mediacrat. She is

Barbara Demick, a staff writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer, which is one of a oumber of distinguished newspapers that are in the habit of bashing Israel. On September 7 Demick published a most

revealing story. Datelined Ramallah, it told of the anti-Israel venom being broadcast over the official Palestinian Broadcasting Corporatioo's (PBC) television station, which is based in that town. For example, "A schoolgirl, perhaps eight years old and all nervous giggles, stands before a television camera and sings in a squeaky voice: 'I am a daughter of Palestine... / Koran in my right hand, in my left - a knife."

A "slightly older girl" recites a poem for Arafar "I am finished practicing on the submachine gun of renum... We swear to take vengeful blood from our enemies... We will board a bustling boat... to Jaffa."

Demick added: "The girl approaches Arafat, who plants congratulatory kisses on her

Demick noted that the PBC, which also operates the Voice of Palestine radio station. was ourtured with about \$500,000 in equipment and training from the US Agency for International Development and with more than \$6 million in aid from the European Union, according to oetwork chairman Radwan Abu Ayyash.

Demick acknowledged that she saw and heard the above and other examples of Palestinian and Israel bellicosity in a lane. with English translations, prepared by Palestinian Media Review, a private, nonprofit organizacion run in part by Israeli security specialists and codirected by Itamar Marcus of Efrat. Abu Ayyash, who was shown the English transcripts, "said they appeared to be accurate."

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By SHLOMO RISKIN

"A wandering Aramean was my father, and we went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and he became a nation, great, mighty and populous." (Deut. 26:5)

the United States, the Constitution still reserves the highest office in the land exclusively for native-born sons and daughters Heory Kissinger, for example, could never have been next in line for the presidency after Richard Nixon.

The State of Israel makes no such distinction between a native and an immigrant. Natan Sharansky, for instance, can very well become prime minister of Israel. Indeed, until Yitzhak Rabin assumed office, no naove-born Israeli had served as prime miois-

This approach to heritage harks back to our Jewish tradition.

in this week's portion of Ki Tavo, the Torah sets forth the commandment of brioging first fruits and the specific declaration which the farmer was required to arriculate upon presenting the bikkurim (first fruits) to the priest in froot of the Holy Temple. "A wandering Aramean was my father, and we went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and he became a nation, great, mighty and populous .. and we were afflicted.... We cried out to God ... and God heard our voice (Deut. 26:5-7)

If the above verse sounds familiar, it should. On the night of Pessan, after the youngest child asks the Four Questions, the answer in the Haggada quotes our verse. Why this text concerning first-fruit offerings should serve as one of the key texts of the Haggada rather than various passages in Exodus that deal directly with the enslavement and redempoon of the Israelites is an issue I have discussed in the past. But within the context of historical continuity and birthright, it seems to me that we have yet to glean from it a new and significant mes-

The major reason for using the passage as the basis for Seder discussion on Pessah eve - as mandated by the Mishna - is that it is couched in the first person. In essence, the authors of the Haggada and the Sages of the Mishna are teaching that in order to have a proper effect, objective age-old history must be transformed into subjective personal memory.

Secondly, the link between the exodus from Egypt and the bring-ing of the first fruits emphasizes the fact that a nation requires a land of its own to completely express its historical and coltural

And finally, the obligation to bring the first fruits ioforms all generations that what accompanies Israeli citizenship is not primarily privilege but obligation. Our nation was founded not on a

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Celebrations that aren't

Turning 50 isn't easy for anyone, but the disarray surrounding the plans for the nation's half-ceotury birthday can't simply be chalked up to mid-life crisis. Oogoing budget problems, bitter politics, internal bickering, and duellog egos are to blame for the near-collapse of once-elaborate plans for the country's jubilee year.

With the festivities scheduled to be launched in only three months, the committee responsible for planning and executiog the celebration found itself not only leaderless this week, but devoid of any spirit or enthusiasm.

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The first clear sign of trouble came two weeks ago, when courism Minister Moshe Katsav amnounced his resignation as colitical coordinator of the event. At the time, he stated that the reason for his exit was the performance of the chairman of the Jubilee Celebration, Association, retired general Yossi Peled, and the committee's general manager, impresario Haim Slutzky, best known for having produced Michael Jackson's concerts bere. Katsav complained that the two men, who had been appointed by Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, were subverting his authority and doing things behind

Katsav attacked Slutzky for failing to budget and plan the scheduled events properly, and even hinted that Slutzky was exploiting the jubilee events for personal gain.

Following Katsav's resignation, Nelanyahu wanted Peled and Slutzky to continue in their jobs,

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group (6)

Bickering and budget problems are lending a decidedly unfestive air to plans for the country's jubilee festivities, Allison Kaplan Sommer reports

but they said this would be impossible, as Katsav continues to serve as the government official in charge of ceremony and symbols, which would force them to continue working together with him if they were to go on managing the jubilee.

SO LAST Thursday, both Peled and Slutzky announced that they were leaving the association. Peled remained relatively quiet, but Slutzky lasbed out at Katsav publicly, charging him with months of macoon and failing to lobby properly for funds for the celebrations. It was Slutzky and Peled who sppeared before the Knesset Finance Committee to request funds and deal with various parties and municipalities asking for funding for events.

The celebration was originally conceived as being comprised of more than 20 events across the country throughout the year, with a budget of NIS 250 million. By this month, government hudget cuts had whittled this down to four events and a budget of between NIS 50m. and NIS 100m. Under these conditions and with the limited time remaining, charged Slutzky, it would be impossible to put together a professional event.

Slutzky holds Katsav responsible for the celebrations' shrunken

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size and status.

"As a professional, I saw it as my role to make sure the jubilee events were as well-planned as possible; it was not my job to deal with poliocs and political parties.

Diaspora leaders have been watching developments nervously, concerned about their own parallel 50th anniversary events.

It was Katsav's job to deal with the politics and acquiriog the budget and it was our job to produce. But we ended up having to everything," complained

Slutzky was also angered by Katsav's failure to defend the jubilee plans against charges that they were portraying the history

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of the state as domioated by Ashkenazi interests, with insufficient attention devoted to Sephardi culture.

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"He was consulted on every decision we made; every letter crossed bis desk. Yet when we were criticized, he did what suited bis own political interests. He said that the charges were terrible, and that he would investigate," Slutzky said.

Katsav aides, naturally, have a different version of events. According to them, Slutzky was unprofessional, unresponsive and unaccountable, and be failed to come up with the kind of detailed hudget breakdowns required to get the government allocations.
As for the politics, a Katsav

spokesman said, "Any director of a government committee is responsible for testifying before the Finance Committee and presenting a detailed budget. To this day, Slutzky hasn't done so." Since Katsav had not appointed

Peled or Slutzky and did not have the power to fire them, all he could do was step down to express his unhappiness with their performance. Following the resignations of Peled and Slutzky, however, Katsav is expected to step back into the picture.

On Monday evening he met with Netanyahu, and following the meeting, his spokesman told

by DOSH

Europe, North and South America and Asia have already agreed to join in the celebration by lighting candles in their countries, in an event that will be coordinated by

its first 50 years.

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Helen Kaye contributed to this



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reporters that Katsav "was leaning toward returning to his post, and will announce his decision after there is agreement on the appointments of officials to head the jubilee committee."

Katsav is pushing for the oomination of former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i to replace Peled as chairman. Moda'i has said that he would consider such an offer.

DIASPORA leaders have been watching these developments nervously, concerned about their own planned 50th anniversary 'celebrations, which they are planning to link to the events here. Malcolm Hoenlein, executive

director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that from the beginning, American Jewry had been pressing Netanyahu to get an early start on the planning, and bas been frequently frustrated with the pace of the decision-making here.

"We learned from the Jerusalem 3000 celebradon, that for a largescale event to go smoothly, a tremendous amount of advance planning is necessary," Hoenlein said. "It certainly would be regrettable if this opportunity were not used to its fullest, for it creates a context for the broader American public to gain an understanding of what's happening in Israel today.

What is going on with the committee in Israel certainly impacts our plans - delays that occur there cause us delays as well. And the events being planned here - hy some big names in entertainment - is incredibly complicated stuff and requires a huge amount of coordi-

The celebration is set to kick off on the first night of Hanukka in December. World leaders in

Also planned are a large-scale Independence Day ceremony at the National Stadium in Ramat Gan, which will also be broadcast internationally; a special prime minister's economic conference; and an exhibition highlighting Israel's accomplishmeots during

Whether any of these festivities takes place, however, oow depends on the ability of politicians and professionals to put aside their personal interests and egos, and get their act together -



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By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Back in the mal

oe survivor of the Ben-Yehuda mall triple bombing. Yoram Kaufman, hasn't been leery of returning to the site of the attack. He was back there the day his wife Ora and daughter Tamar were discharged from Bikur Holim hospital, buying Ora a new pair of pants to replace the pair that had gotten destroyed in the blast. He chose a store located at the mall's main intersection, then made his way to the Atara coffee shop, where the Kaufmans had been sitting when the bombs went off. He chatted for a while with proprietor Uri Greenspan, who had visited him in hospital, "but I didn't stop to have coffee," said Kaufman.

WHILE the state's 50th anniversary celebrations are in disarray. the Dan Hotel chain marked its own jubilee with fanfare. Three generations of Federmanns lined up at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv to welcome guests at the opulent gathering. Many of the guests, such as President Ezer Weizman, Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak and basketball star Tal Brody were featured in a magnificent retrospective exhibition. Coordinated by second-generacon hotelier Ami Federmann, the show features the faces and signatures of many celebrities who have been guests at hotels in the chain, whose history has been closely

SAA general manager Solly Davidowitz instantly upgraded her to business class. Media people present were willing to bet that Kahalani won't be traveling alone.

THE fundraising dinner was organized by Daniela Oren, chairperson of the Dror Board of Trustees. It featured an entertainment smorgasbord which included the Susuma African drummers and dancers, and the internationally acclaimed and beautiful soprano Chen Reis. Inimitable comedian Tuvia Tsaffer had the audience doubled up with laughter over his skits. MK Raff Edri, who arrived with his latest Significant Other, a youthful and attractive lawyer. barely managed to maintain his

He laughed hardest and longest at jokes about his landsmen David Levy and Aryeh Deri. When Tsafir did his Arafat act and hugged Kahalani and Egyptian ambassador Mohamed Bassiouny, the latter took it in good spirit and hugged him back. Bassiouny's wife Nagwa giggled in delight. King Hussein was also part of the Tsafir repertoire. "We're offering a special deal in our hotels for Israelis," said Tsafir in the guise of the monarch. "Steal one towel, get

WOMEN TEND to stay well in the



Micky Federmann (right), Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and Ami Federmann mark the Dan Hotel chain's jubilee.

intertwined with the state's. Dan Hotels chairman Micky Federmann said that the exhibitioo would remain on view for at least six mooths, adding that some of it might be incorporated into the Dan Hotel's permanent decor.

Royalty, heads of state. film stars, millionaire business executives and philanthropists have all enjoyed Federmann's hospitality. mostly at the legendary King David Hotel, Jerusalem, or the Dan Tel Aviv. So have best-selling authors, musical virtuosi and top dancers.

Local celebrities were amused to see how they looked 10, 20 and more years ago. Some gazed fondly at images of themselves sporting a full head of hair. Weizman recalled that he and bis wife, Reuma, had spent their wedding night at the King David. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was missing from the Dan festivities. He was dining at the glatt kosher Chinese restaurant across the road from the Dan and just a couple of buildings away from Labor Party headquarters. Also noticeably absent was Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, abroad

on a promotion campaign.

When brothers Yekutiel and Shmuel Federmann leased the 21-room Kaete-Dan in Tel Aviv in June 1946, renovated it and reopened it with a gala celebracon in September 1947, they didn't dream that they were founding a hotel empire. Today, there are nine hotels in the chain, with a total of 2,500 rooms.

LADY LUCK seems to have fallen in love with shipping, real estate and banking magnate Yuli Ofer. It's par for the course for him to win some of the prizes - usually the most valuable - at charity affairs which include a raffle draw.

This is usually because Ofer, whose philanthropy covers a broad spectrum, buys up a large batch of tickets. But at the gala Dror dinner to raise funds for group housing for discharged psychiatric patients, there was oo sale. Each guest received one free ticket in appreciation for paying the admission fee. First prize was a return flight to

Johannesburg, the gift of South African Airways, plus seven days accommodation in the Hyatt Hotel. Ofer was not the only multimillionaire seated in the garden of South African Ambassador Frank Land and his wife, Maatchen; yet even before the draw, there were predictions that he would win the prize, The pundits proved correct - but

Ofer generously redonated the prize to be auctioned among the other guests. Keenest to purchase the bargain package was Dahlia Kahalani, wife of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who put in a bid. Despite considerable compection, she finally won with her bid of NIS 4,500. Not bad, considering that

background during the most painful part of the circumcision ceremony. But that's not true of Sara Davidovich, socialite, gossip columnist and photographer of the rich and famous. As her new grandson Michael Malka was submitting to the un all, Davidovich, letting her professional instincts come to the fore, leapt forward, camera in hand, to capture the scene for posterity. Just in case her nerves caused the frames to be out of focus, there were video photographers on hand to ensure that the infant would eventually see his initiation into the faith, even if he couldn't remember it.

Among the guests at the lavish reception at Jerusalem's Shalom Hotel were country-and-western singer Susie Miller, fashion-show organizer and compere Ilana Margalit, lawyer and author Yehiel Gutman and international marriage broker Helena Amram. Also present were Israel's former ambassador to France Ovadia Sofer and his wife Dorin, building tycoon Yehuda Yona, and reafestate developer Danny Rejwan. and his wife, Devora, a travel agent, whose favorite cause is the Soldiers' Welfare Fund.

The baby's father, Shai Malka who works in the Prime Minister's Office, was formerly Leah Rabin's driver. Grandpa Mati Davidovich, who used to be a popular planist on the hotel circuit before becoming an investment consultant, was invited by the band to come up and play. He proved be hasn't lost his touch.



Dustin Hoffman will don a black tie to celebrate his Britannia award.

DUE TO receive the seventh annual Britannia award from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in Los Angeles is Dustin Hoffman, who will be feted next week at a gala black-tie affair at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Also receiving kudos will be Charlton Heston, Lauren Bacall, Bob Dylan, Jessye Norman and Edward Villella, the laureates for this year's Kennedy Center hon-

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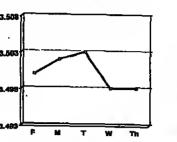
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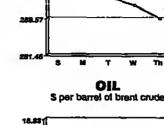
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Elco wins \$50m. Electric Corp contract

The Israel Electric Corporation said yesterday it had granted Elco Industries a contract to supply medium-capacity transformers for \$50 million. Another contract, for the supply of two different transformers, was won by Ardan Industries, which will receive \$27 million.

The Electric Corp has an option to purchase more transformers

at the same price within two years. Another deal was announced yesterday by Cvalim, which said it will manufacture 90 kilometer of cable for the Korean concern Lucky Goldstar, in a deal worth \$20m. The company will produce the cables, which will be used by the Electric Corp, in its factories in Haifa and Karmiel. Dan Gerstenfeld

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Israeli firms' IPO revenues on Wall Street down 67% in '97

By DAN GERSTENFELD and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The amount of money Israeli companies raised through initial public offerings on Wall Street plummeted 67 percent to \$152.9 million in the first eight months of the year, compared to \$456.7m. a year ago, data compiled by the Jerusalem Post indicates.

Conversely, money raised by Israeli companies via secondary offerings has increased 75% to \$292.2m., from \$167.2m. in the same period last year.

US investors' preference for safer investments in 1997 has driven the trend.

"The market's appetite for secondary offerings of tried and true companies is very strong," said Rob Goldman, chief analyst at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross in Washington, DC. Nice Systems, which raised \$20m. in its 1996 IPO, raised another \$105.1m. in the

biggest secondary offering this year.

Overall, Wall Street generated \$28.11 bil-

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lion in initial stock issues in the first eight months of the year, down from \$39.28b. in the same period last year. This is a 28%

in the Israeli IPO's, including Nasdaq's tougher criteria for going public, the availability of more venture capital money for later stage financing and a tendency of high-tech companies to wait longer before issuing stock.

A number of factors are blamed for the drop

"Now some of the venture capital funds that pushed companies to go public last year are telling them to hold their horses and invest more money to mature the start-ups before they go public," said Robin Hacke-Farhi, CEO of HK Strategy & Finance.

Moshe Shimony, head of derivatives in Bank Hapoalim's international division, said the drop was partly due to a growing interest of multinational companies io acquiring

"The foreigners are now buying the company itself, instead of buying shares," said Shimony. He cited Applied Materials' pur-chase of Opal and Orbotech and Cylink's acquisition of Research Algorithm.

The number of large stock offerings - IPO's of more than \$50m. - dropped the most significantly, causing the slide in the amount of money Israeli companies raised. In the first eight months of 1996, five companies raised a total of \$319.6m. in comparison, only Galileo, which raised \$51 m. in its July IPO, crossed this threshold. The number of smaller IPOs remained stable.

Some analysts said the decrease in the number of large IPOs is not significant.

"This is totally coincidental," said Eddie

Shalev, managing director of Oppenheimer & Co 's Tel Aviv branch

But other experts believe the phenomenon reflects cyclical changes in the marketplace. Last year was a particularly strong year for IPOs, they said. High demand in certain niches, such as for Internet security software and Internet telephone products, attracted investors to Israeli start-ups such as Check Point and VocalTech.

The euphoria that drove the IPO craze last year also meant that some low-tech companies, such as seed producer Arzan, were able to raise money on Wall Street. This year, however, four companies representing nonhigh-tech sectors, postponed their IPOs indef-

Despite the decline in the number of Israel issues, analysts still believe Wall Steet offers the best opportunities for local companies seeking to raise money.

"Most of the Israeli companies that want to go public in the US are high-tech companies and for them the American market holds the best prospects," said Shimony of Bank

Katsav: El Al mustn't fly on Shabbat

By DAVID HARRIS

There is oo need for EI AI to operate on Shabbat, once the company is privatized, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said yesterday,

"Shabbat flights should remain without change," he said. "Not fly-ing on Shabbat does not affect profits," Katsav said that when he was

transport minister, El Al's profits peaked and there were no Shabbat flights at the time. Known for his reservations about

privatization in geoeral, Katsav said El Al must be sold off, but on two conditions: The current level of security must be maintained and the workers' rights must be guaran-

The Ministerial Committee on Privatization will meet shortly to discuss the company's sale, with the Government Companies Authority (GCA) having this week announced it intends selling the national carrier in 1998.

Katsav also welcomed the sale of the School of Tourism to the University of Haifa for NIS 1.023 millioo. The sale was officially

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Katsav: Profits won't change.

completed yesterday, with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu receiving the check on behalf of the

"I won't bless privatization in every case, but this time it's right," said Katsav.

While the sale is only worth NIS 1m., every shekel helps the state, said Netanyahu, who claimed that the success of privatization has ensured the current round of budget cuts is no higher.

"If we hadn't received the NIS 8 billion [in privatization receipts]

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this year, we'd have had to cut deeper in education and social welfare spending," said the Prime

Netanyahu then accused the Histadrut of being remote from reality and not understanding the importance of privatization and how it can help the workers in the long-term.

Netanyahu said that the privatization process will continue in 1998 and that there is still considerable interest in Israel's economic performance from foreign investors.

GCA director-general Tzipi Livni said the School of Tourism management bad taken the perfect approach to privatization, by involving the workers at every stage of the process, leaving both sides more than happy with the end

During the formal ceremony in the Primer Minister's Office, Katsav spoke directly to Netanyahu about the "crisis" in the tourism industry. Pointing to the improved tourism figures in the key June-July period. Katsav said he bopes the statistics were "not a one-off, but the start of a trend."

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By DAN GERSTENFELD and news agencies

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The Israeli companies are local representatives of the two firms that announced yesterday they would combine into the world's. largest accounting and consulting

The combination would vault Price Waterhouse and Coopers ahead of industry leader Arthur Anderseo Worldwide, and secood-ranked Ernst & Youog, and whittle the so-called Big Six accounting firms down to five.

The merger comes amid consolidation in the financial services industry worldwide. It is the first to affect the accounting and consulting industry since two mergers at the end of the 1980s turned the Big Eight firms into

been driven by the recognition that our clieots require seamless global support and levels of expertise that, until now, were simply not available from any one organization," said Coopers chairman Nicholas Moore in a statement

Moore will be chairman of the merged firm. James Schiro, chief executive of Price Waterhoose, will be chief executive. The companies didn't say what the name of the merged firm would be.

The two companies' combined global revenue in fiscal 1996 would have been \$11.8 billion, compared with \$9.5 billioo for Anderseo Worldwide and \$7.8 billion for Erast & Young.

Coopers had fee income of \$6.8 billioo last year and Price Waterhouse had income of \$5.02 billion. All the firms are privately beld by partners and don't disclose profits.

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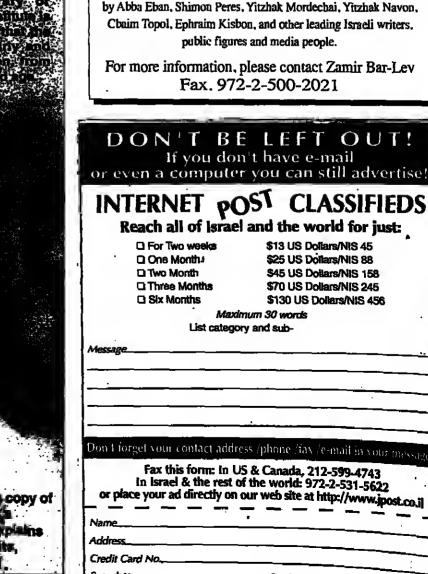
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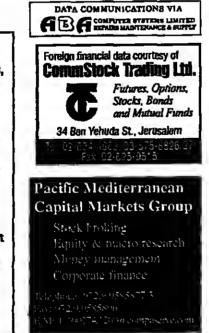
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	5.5662	5,6560	5.47	5.74	5.8264	
Pound sterling	0.5839	0.5934	0.57	0.61	0.5892	
French franc	2.8673	2.9138	2.81	2.96	2.8854	
Japanese yen (100)	1.7419	1,7700	1.71	1.80	1.7579	
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Swiss franc	0.4570	0,4644	0.44	0.48	0,4518	
Swedish krona	0.4821	0.4899	0.47	0.50	0.4873	
Norwegian krone	0.5151	0.5235	0.50	0.54	0.5198	
Danish krone	0.6549	0.6655	0.64	0.68	0.6618	
Finnish mark	2.4980	2.5383	2,45	2.58	2.5192	
Canadian dollar	2.4819	2.5220	2.43	2.56	2.5037	
Australian dollar	0.7412	0.7532	0.67	0.76	0.7476	
S. African rand		0.9655	0.93	0.98	0.9591	
Belgian franc (10)	0.9501	2.8324	2.73	2.88	2.8127	
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Tel Aviv

Stocks dropped for a third day amid concern about unrest in Ras

The Maof Index fell 0.89% to 288.57. The Mishtanim Index fell 0.92% to 280.40. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index fell 0.64% to 96.17. The general bood index fell 0.02%.

"As long as the poliocal sima-tioo cootinues as it is, it will be hard for stocks to rise," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities. "Nothing else will influence stocks."

Europe

UK stocks advanced as a host of corporate earnings reports eclipsed persistent concern that interest rates may rise again before

"It's a corporate earnings story," said Mark Gardner, a fund management advisor at Julius Baer Investment. "Yesterday we saw good reports from the likes of Next and Kinglisher, and today we are seeing more of the same from

the smaller companies."

Traders and analysts said a portion of the gains by the FTSE 100 Index were the result of basket trades before the expiration of FTSE 100 Index options and futures today. The FTSE 100 climbed 29 points to 5046.2, led by Glaxo Wellcome, Lloyds TSB Group, and Shell Transport & Trading, as some investors and speculators bought and sold bas-kets of the FT-SE 100's largest

tion of the underlying index. The earnings reports helped alleviate fresh concern that the UK economy is growing briskly enough to prompt higher interest rates, following a report of a bigger-than-expected iocrease in retail sales io August.

constituents to influence the direc-

"We think rates will go up, but closer to the tail end of the year," Gardner said. "Earnings are coming in above expectadons or in line with expectadons, and people are looking at that."

Other gainers included Biotechnology stocks, which climbed after Credit Suisse First Boston advised investors to mainthe industry group, and highlight**STOCKS**

Maof 288.57 ▼ 0.89% Dow Jones 7923 ▲ 0.46% FTSE 5046,2 ▲ 0.66% Nikkei 17930.09 ▲ 1.4%

ed British Biotech as one of its "buy" recommendations.

Asia

Japanese stocks rose, led by automakers such as Toyota, amid optimism over the company's reported expansion plans and expectations the dollar's strength will bolster profits.

The beochmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 246.82 points, or 1.40%, to 17,930.09. The broader Topix index of all shares on the first section rose 11.12 points, or 0.21%, to 1385.09.

Carmakers rose following a report in the Nihon Keizai newspaper that Toyota plans to build its second European assembly plant in northern France, starting produc-tion in 2001. Japan's largest automaker said it hasn't yet decided where to locate the plant. Auto shares were also buoyed by expectations that the dollar's recent gains

against the yen will drive up profits. The market is so desperate for good news that it will react to anything positive," said Celia Farnon, a director of Japanese equity sales at Nomura International (London). Obviously any kind of sustained period of yen weakness is also

very good for the auto shares." Investors feel like they can still get away with buying these high fliers because they don't believe the US is serious yet in terms of applying real pressure on Japan to stimulate domestic demand," said Satoshi Kawai, senior portfolio manager for Japanese equities at Merrill Lynch International Capital Management. "There's not much else to buy, so these compa-

nies with good earnings look

good as the yen weakens. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Stocks rose only modestly yesterday after investors locked in some gains from an afternoon rally that put the Dow Jones industrial average back above 8,000 for the first time in nearly a month.

The Dow rose just 36 points to 7,922.72 down from a midday gain of nearly 135 points that put the blue-chip barometer above 8,000 for the first time since August 21.

Broader stock indicators also retreated from the day's highs, as bonds surrendered most of an early rally that sent interest rates falling for the fifth consecutive session.

Even with the late pullback, 1 though, the Nasdaq market padded Wednesday's record finish, and the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies closed at a record high for the fifth straight session and 14th time io 16 sessions. The small-company dominated American Stock Exchange composite index also set its fifth consecuove record high.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 36.28 to 7,922.72.

Yen falls to a four-month low against dollar

The dollar rallied to a fourmonth high against the yen, as traders looked past a report showing a bigger US trade deficit and focused on recent signs Japan's economy is lagging.

Traders are focusing on the underlying relative growth in the US and Japan, and Japan and Germany, and saying that the yen is going to weaken," said Bob Lynch, a currency strategist at Paribas Corp.

The dollar rose as high as 122.23 yen, its highest since May 9, and was quoted at 122.05 yen. up from 120.88 yen late Wednesday. It slipped to 1.7705 marks from 1.7717 marks.

Last week, Japan reported that its economy shrank 2.9% in the second quarter, its worst performance since 1974. That ensured that Japan's interest rates will

remain near record lows. Japan's benchmark discount rate's at an all-time low of 0.5%, compared with the US overnight lending rate, at 5.50%, and Germany's securities repurchase rate, which is at 3.0%. That gap makes deposits in dollars more attractive to global investors, boosting

The dollar got an additional lift after Richard Medley, president of Medley Advisers, which advises hedge funds, forecast that if Japan's economy continoes to weaken, the dollar could rise as high as 130 yen by the end of the year. Traders often pay close attentioo to comments by Medley, who formerly was a partner at Soros Fund Management.

demand for the currency.

Also boosting the dollar is the expectation that Group of Seven finance officials meeting this lar.



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weekend in Hong Kong will devote little attention to exchange rates. While US officials recently said Japan needs to do more to stimulate domestic demand, they aren't likely to join with other G-7 leaders to try to weaken the dol-

"US officials can jump up and down about the trade gap," said Kathy Jones, currency analyst at Prudential Securities. "But at the end of the day, there's oothing that they can do but complain. The G-7 meeting isn't the medium to address this."

The G-7 are the US, Germany, Japan, Britain, France, Italy, and Canada

The dollar was little moved by a report showing the US trade deficit rose to \$10.344 billion in July from a revised \$8.293b. in June, the Commerce Department said. Economists surveyed by Bloomberg News were expecting it to rise to \$9.6b. Yesterday's oumbers come just a day after Japan reported that its August trade surplus with the U.S. rose

59.8% from a year ago. The dollar lost ground against

the mark as a report showed companies' confidence in Germany is on the rise. Business confidence in western Germany rose in August for the fifth consecutive month, according to a report by the influential Ifo research institute. The monthly report is considered a key measure of the economy's future strength.

The German recovery is moving along at a decent pace," said Lynch at Paribas. "That enhances the argument for a Bundesbank rate hike sooner rather than later." A rise in German interest rates would boost the mark by increas-

ing the return oo deposits and bonds denominated io it. The monthly index rose to 98.9 in August from 98.1 in July, above the 98.3 forecast by economists in a Bloomberg News sur-

White sugar falls amid expectations of larger crops

COMMODITIES

Precious metals

Gold prices rose in London inter-bank trading. Gold for immediate delivery traded 80 cents higher at \$321.05 an ounce.

Platinum and palladium prices rose. Platioum for immediate delivery rose \$2 to \$424.50 an ounce, while spot palladium rose \$2.25 to \$191.75 an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude futures were little changed to lower, continuing Wednesday's decline after US industry reports showed crude oil and refined products supplies rose. The increase in supplies could hurt demand for European crudes from the US, the world's biggest market. Last week, the American Petroleum Institute said crude

imports of crude soared 24%. Now, gasoline demand is falling. and although the API said demand. for heating oil and other distillates rose 23%, supplies are still at the highest level for more than 21 months. November Breot crude on the International Petroleum Exchange rose 4 cents to \$18.45 a barrel.

inventories rose 1.5%

Others

Copper rose for a second day in London amid expectations strong US economic growth will boost metal consumption in the coming months in the world's largest economy. Manufacturing of bignicket items, such as copper-containing cars, air conditioners, and washing machines, is driving economic growth around the US, the Federal Reserve said late

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Wednesday in its "beige book," or regular report on regional ecooomic outlook. The benchmark three-mooth copper contract rose \$29 to \$2,110 a metric ton.

Aluminum rose as the decision by Pechiney SA, Europe's largest alaminum producer, to restart idle capacity is seen as a sign of growing confidence in the strength of demand for the metal. Wednesday, Paris-based Pechioey said it

plant that can produce 125,000 tons of aluminum a year by the end of 1998, with 40,000 tons of that to be added by the end of this year. Analysts said this indicates that one of the world's major aluminum producers thinks it can bring back capacity idled in the early 1990s without pushing prices down. Three-month aluminum oo the London Metal Exchange rose \$23 to \$1,638 a metrie ton.

Zinc prices rose as traders and analysts bet several Chinese smelters still have large outstanding commitmeets to deliver metal they doo't own at a time when supply is scarce. While the London Metal Exchange's global zinc pile jumped 36,150 tons or 9% in the past three days, an indicatioo China delivered some metal, analysts say many of those loss-making commitments to

forward," meaning the smelters will still be struggling to acquire metal in the near future. Threemonth zinc on the LME rose \$13 to \$1,424 a metric ton.

White sugar futures fell amid expectations for larger crops from the European Union and Brazil. London-based C. Czarnikow Ltd. said it expects the European Union to produce a record sugar-beet crop of 18.5 million tons of raw sugar in 1997-98 because of ideal growing conditions in the past month. The 1997-98 crop from Brazil, the world's largest sugar producer, is also expected to rise, by about 800,000 tons to 15.5 million tons in 1997-98. White sugar for December delivery recently traded \$1.20 lower at \$316 a metrie ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

(Bloomberg)

US bonds rise amid optimism for steady growth

US bonds rose for a fifth day amid optimism that steady growth and subdued inflation will give the Federal Reserve little reason to raise bank lending rates soon. "Everything looks rosy," said George Adell, a trader at Philadelphia-based Starboard Capital Markets.

Reports yesterday showing a bigger-than-expected widening in the trade deficit in July and a decline in the number of workers seeking first-time unemployment benefits last week didn't dislodge that optimism.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 1/2 point, or \$5 per \$1,000 bond, to 100 5/32. pushing its yield down 4 basis points to 6.36%. The bond's yield fell 33 basis points in the past five days, as reports showed inflation -which erodes bonds' fixed payments - isn't accelerating, even as the economy keeps chugging

along.
The Commerce Department reported that the trade deficit widened to a larger-than-expected \$10.3 billion from a revised \$9.536b. in June. Imports rose to record levels, while exports fal-

"The bigger trade gap subtracts from growth," said Mike Cloherty, market strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston.

First-time jobless claims fell by 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 306,000 in the week coded September 13 - the lowest level in six weeks, the Labor Department said. In the previous week, the government said jobless claims fell 14,000 to a revised 311,000, origi-



nally reported as a drop of 14,000 to 310,000. "It was another piece of evidence

the labor market is rightening," said Dan Seto, an economist at Nikko Securities Co. International. Still, some investors say that

even with the strength in the ecooomy yields can decline a bit further. "Rates can clearly go a little lower," said Richard Schwartz of New York Life Asset Management in Parsippany, New Jersey. But beyond the next few months, rates will push higher, he said.

A regional report by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia is expected to show growth is tapering off a bit this month. The manufacuring index probably fell to 21.4 in September from 24.3 last month, economists said.

Expectations for steady Fed rates are reflected in futures on threemonth Eurodollars. The implied yield on the December contract fell 12 basis points in the past week to 5.81%, leaving it 8 basis points above current three-month borrowiog rate between banks. That signals that fewer than half of investors see the Fed raising rates by the time the contract expires in mid-December. (Bloomberg)

FAMILIES Continued from Page 1

"Young married brides are replaced by unmarried men looking for brides," be said.

Peace Now demonstrators said they would remain at the site until all the settlers left. Palestinians slammed the agreement since it still allowed a Jewish

presence in the Arab neighbor-"This is a trick, not more than

that, " Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat told reporters in Gaza, adding that anything short of a total departure of Jews from the site is unaccept-

"The solution is to stop it. Patience has its limits," he said. Security officials said they are preparing for the possibility of a violent Palestinian backlash after weekly prayers at Al-Aksa this morning. Ahmed Tibi, a top adviser to Arafat, warned there could be violence. "After these sorts of provocations and humiliations, the ability of the PA to control its people is dwindling," be said.

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The fierce exchange of fire continued, with IDF gunners pounding Hizbullah positions for over an bour. During the exchange, a third soldier was lightly wounded. The IAF bombed Hizbullah tar-

gets in the Jabel Tsafi area. Hizbullah elaimed its gunmen attacked 25 IDF and SLA positions as a "gift" for the six Lebanese Army soldiers killed when they fired on air force heli-

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyaho was pleased with the accord to the extent that it will prevent construction of additional bousing for Jewish occupancy in Ras al-Amud.

"This is not the time for Jewish families to reside at Ras al-Amud or to build a new neighborhood at the site," he said. He said that under the circum-

stances, the agreement benefited the unity of Jerusalem, the Jewish people, and the continuation of the

David Bar-Illan, his communications adviser, did not expect the residual Jewish presence to trigger protests by Palestinians "unless Peace Now incites them."

The compromise was reached after an all-oight bargaining session between Kahalani and

Moskowitz. "It was not easy for both sides, but in the end, when both sides are dissatisfied it means the people of Israel can be satisfied," Kahalani

Senior officials said that the 10 yeshiva students who will remain at the site "will guard against vandalism" and nothing more.

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Lebanese officials said that six civilians in the Nabatiya area were wounded by IDF fire. The IDF Spokesman insisted the shooting bad not endangered civilians.

The Lebanese officials charged that Israel fired at least 10 flechette shells at Nabatiya. They stressed that the use of such shells, which scatter metal darts, is banned.

The IDF said it would set up an inquiry to determine the reasons for Shimoni's death. The IDF

They stressed that Jewish families will not be allowed to take up residence and that the guards will be forbidden to invite relatives to stay with them. "There will be no overnight guests," they said.
Netanyahu phoned US
Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright to inform her of the deal. Apparently in the belief that the Ras al-Amud crisis is over, Netanyahu decided to go ahead with a state visit to Austria, and planned to depart for Vienna on Sunday.

Hillel Kuttler adds from Washington: The State Department appland-

ed the Ras al-Amud compromise, while warning against future settlement attempts at the site. Albright sees the development

as "good news that the families are moving out," said State Department spokesman James Rubin. "That is what is important,

"Equally important is the fact that there will be no further construction oo the site and no movement toward creating a new neighborhood. We hope and expect that the status quo will not

recently renovated all its Merkava tanks, which are considered to be the safest and best armored in use Shimoni's father Uzi died five years ago. His mother Oma set up the memorial park in Naharayim

to commemorate the Beit Shemesh schoolgirls murdered by a Jordanian soldier. Eyal will be buried in the kibbutz cemetery at 11 this morning

He is survived by his mother, two brothers currently serving in the army, and two sisters. His death brings to 34 the number of soldiers killed in Lebanon this year.

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Georgie Arazi

Georgie Arazi, who edited the Readers' American countries and - after a stiot at After spending about four months in almost 30 years, died on Wednesday.

merchant's family in Antwerp, lost her father at the tender age of eight. Subsequently, sbe was raised by her mother and an English nanny who taught her to speak, read and write English.

More to the point, they both inculcated in her a number of cardinal virtues - such as dependability, punctuality, honesty, tolerance and fortitude which have become increasingly unfashionable.

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When Hitler launched his blitzkrieg, Georgie fled with the members of her immediate fami-

ly via France and Portugal to the US. The rest of the Goldberg family perished in the Holocaust.

In New York Georgie eventually found work as a journalist and, at the UN, she met Tuvia Arazi, a representative of the Jewish community in Palestine. In 1947, when her mother made it clear that she had other plans for her, Georgie eloped or rather, she left New York and joined Tuvia in Palestine, where they were mar-

After serving in the Hagana in Haifa and in the Israel delegation at the Lausanne peace talks, Tuvia joined the Foreign Ministry. For the oext 20 years he was posted to Turkey, several South

Letters section of The Jerusalem Post for the UN during the Sinai campaign - prison, Zvi Ben-Ari (formerly Gregory Cyprus. Her upbringing enabled Georgie Lemer), was granted permission yester-

the manor born.

nest she found consola- leaving the country. tion in her grandchildren, classical music, her cats

"So many men, so many different opinions. Some of the people who wrote letters to the editor, however, bad an opinion on every conlives in a state of perma-

nent indignation. Whether they were bien pensants or claims made on Channel 2 Wednesday saber rattlers. Georgie – who kept her night by acting Agudat Yisrael chairman

leave. It is some small consolation to were also involved. know that she died in harness for she made plain that she dreaded the prospect of retirement

Before her final illness, in fact, she the children away from them. And that's sometimes codured chemotherapy in the what they did." He said that while he did morning, then insisted on returning to not witness any of the kidnappings, he work in the afternoon.

In every friend we lose, Pope once wrote, we lose part of ourselves. Alex Berlyne

Georgie Arazi, editor of Readers' Letters, dies Ben-Ari released to house arrest By BATSHEVA TSUR and Him In issuing his ruling, Jerusalem tion on a daily basis. There were reports, during his detention on a daily basis.

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

Georgie, who was born to a diamond to perform the arduous, and unpaid, day to be released to house arrest.

His He will have to post NIS 5 million Excellency's wife as if to bail, said to be one of the highest bail fees ever set in the country. In addition, Tuvia died in 1973 and Ben-Ari has been ordered to give the Georgie had to face a court a personal guarantee of NIS 5 m.

loog widowhood with Ben-Ari, 46, will also have to deposit three children to raise, his passport with the police, and a After they had left the restraining order prevents him from

In issuing his ruling, Jerusalem District Court Judge Eliahu Ben-Zimra agreed to a prosecution request to keep Ben-Ari in custody until Sunday, pending a state appeal to the Supreme Court against his release.

If he ends up being freed from jail, Ben-Ari will have to remain in a detached house without neighbors that is located at least 20 kilometers from the coast. Ben-Zimra put these conditions in answer to fears that Ben-Ari would try to flee the country.

He will only be able to leave the home to report to the nearest police sta-

tion on a daily basis.

Ben-Ari's house will also be fitted with electronic monitoring equipment and he will have to wear a device on his leg and arm that will enable the police to follow his movements.

A closed-circuit television system will be set up in the yard. He will not be permitted to use any wireless equipment. The bill for all these safety devices will have to be footed by Ben-Ari him-

self, the court ruled. He will not be permitted contact with former partners and employees, nor

with persons who have credit claims

There were reports, during his detention, that Ben-Ari - who used to travel in an expensive vehicle accompanied by bodyguards - had worked out an

elaborate escape scheme. Ben-Ari was charged September 7 with 14 counts of fraud, blackmail and attempted blackmail. He was accused of trying to defraud banks in Israel, Russia and Europe of some \$100 million.

He was also accused of trying to enlist the help of politicians when he couldn't get permission to open an Israeli-Russian bank.

and her work at the Post. "Quot homines, tot sententiae," as Terence said. Historian: Yemenite infants weren't kidnapped

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

There is no archival evidence that Yemenite immigrant children were kidceivable topic and napped in the early days of the state, hisappeared to spend their torian Dr. Tom Segev said yesterday.

Segev, who testified yesterday before the Cohen Commission, dismissed own opinions to herself - dealt with them firmly but tactfully.

Menahem Ponush that the children were systematically kidnapped by social Georgie died so the last day of ber sick workers, and that Youth Aliya employees

Porush said: "The intention was clear: Children are coming now from Yemen. families with many children, iet's take had heard about them. But he added that then-prime minister David Ben-Gurion knew nothing about them.

Segev, a Ha'arer; journalist who wrote a book entitled 1949: The First Israelis, do was to give birth to children, not said he was asked by the three-judge panel yesterday about two specific maiters. "First they asked me whether there was any evidence that Yemenite children were kidnapped in order to give them an

Ashkenazi education," Segev said. "I told them there was absolutely no archival material to support such a

claim," Segev said.
He said Agudat Yisrael officials handed out care packages to families, while Labor officials threatened the Yemenites that they would oot be given Histadrut jobs or be accepted into Histadrut health plans if they didn't send their youngsters to their schools, "but there is no basis for the other claims."

Segev said the judges then asked him whether it was true that couples who were Holocaust survivors were particularly keen to adopt children. Segev said do was to give birth to children, not adopt them." He noted that the birth rate in the displaced persons camps in Europe

had been extremely high."

Segev said he had told the panel he believed that the children had died, and that for the parents "it is easier for them to say that the government took the children away than to say God took them away." However, Segev stressed that part of

the problem was the negative arrivade displayed at the time towards the immigrants, who he said sometimes were not told if their child died.

When the Yemenite immigrants first arrived, "there was a sort of folkloristic affection for them, but they were primarily seen as a social problem," Segev said. He said there were even those who believed that the British in Aden had allowed the Yemenites to come to Israel to serve as a "social time-bomb" inside

the new state.

"There was a tendency to want to change them," Segev said, "because they were regarded as being primitive." Segev said he told the panel to read a 1959 report from the welfare authorities about the period, during which time it was controlled by Agudat Yisrael. The report, according to Segev, said the Yemenites were treated very badly during those

years, "like primitive retards." Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said yesterday that Porush's remarks "provide a basis for the claim that there was an organized campaign to grab the children of immigrants in the early 1950s, and these were criminal acts befitting sinister regimes."

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Itim contributed to this report.

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overwhelming. And thus The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund was born.

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Indyk: Arafat's weakening 🚱 🦠

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has "been reluctant" to crack down on Hamas because he's in a "politically weaker position" than be was when he cracked down last year, US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk told the Senate Near

East subcommittee yesterday. "There is no doubt" that Hamas's infrastructure exists in the autonomous areas, as well as in Area C under Israel's control. and "there's a lot [Arafat] can do"

to uproot the group, Indyk said. While the US is asking Arafat to crack down on Hamas, the US Congress should not consider cutting off assistance to the Palestinians, Indyk added.

The hearing was almost a reprise of Indyk's 1995 appearance before the subcommittee to become ambassador. Members again hammered away at the issue of moving the US embassy to Jerusalem. They criticized the administration's failure to begin carrying out the 1995 legislation ordering the move, as well as its opposition to amendments in an unconcluded State Department funding bill specifying four additional ways the US would recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Indyk told the panel that the administration considers moving the embassy to be "inflammatory" to the peace process and said it. would "complicate" Washington's role in the negotiations.

Indyk's jurisdiction would cover Morocco to the Persian Gulf. But the peace process was front and center of the panel's agenda. Even the two senators who presented Indyk as the nominee for assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York Connecticut's Joseph Lieberman, criticized the administration's failure to implement the 1995 embassy relocation bill.

The Administration is trying to walk a very fine line between the understandable desire of the Senate to see concrete actions to implement legislation and the President's strongly held view that while the law must be upheld, nothing should be done to disrupt the effort to put the peace process back on track. Indyk said at the hearing. If finalstatus talks succeed. Indyk said, President Bill Clinton would be in a position to determine how the US would carry out the embassy's move. The US would have to lease or renovate an existing building because a structure could not be built by the May 1999 deadline, indyk added. Indyk also defended himself against crincism that be had meddled in the 1996 Israeli election, saying he has always tried to be "very scrupulous" about not interfering in domestic Israeli affairs. He noted that he enjoyed a "close relationship" with the Netanyahu government... He also told the panel that one of

the US's "highest-priority issues" remains Russia's assistance in developing Iran's nuclear capabilities, and that Washington continues to press Moscow to cease its cooperation.

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Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will again raise the matter in a meeting at the UN next week with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, Indyk said.

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Maccabi off to flying EuroLeague start

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv cruised to victory over visiting Limoges 78-62 in the opening game of the EuroLeague last night behind the dominating inside game of Rashard Griffith and a suffocating

team defense which limited the French to only 20 first-half points. Oded Katash led Maccabi with 25 points on 8-14 shooting from the floor, including 3-6 from threepoint range, and a perfect 6-6 from

But he also added an impressive defensive performance by holding former NBA guard Chris Smith to no points in the first half.

The entire Tel Aviv

appeared to take to heart new head coach Vinko Jelovac's emphasis on defense, which was demonstrated by his choice of Derrick Sharp over the more offensive-minded Doron Sheffer in the starting lineup.

The win was all the more encouraging for Maccabi, as it was accomplished with the services of the injured Randy White for only three minutes.

Limoges, which was forced to let key players go during the off-sea-son due to financial constraints. looked very disorganized at both ends of the court and had no resemblance to the disciplined team which won the 1993 European title and as recently as 1995 advanced to the Final Four.

Griffith, who had 17 points on the night on 7-11 shooting in only 31 minutes, scored eight points in the first eight minutes of play to boost the Israelis to a 14-6 lead.

Maccabi's new 2.11 meter center moved virtually at will inside the paint against the overmatched Frenchmen and helped to stifle Limoges by plugging up the mid-

to 37-20 at the half by taking advantage of Limoges's 10 turnovers, atrocious 33% (7-21) field-goal shooting and 50% accuracy form the free-throw line.

The Israelis increased the margin

Limoges never really threatened after falling behind early in the game, and the second period

lacked the tension which usually accompanies a Maccabi battle in the EuroLeague.

The French did cut the lead down from a 24-point deficit to only 13 with 6:17 remaining in the game, but Maccabi quickly rebounded to boost the margin back up to 77-55 with two minutes

Maccabi can certainly expect a more formidable test of their new machine next Thursday when perennial power Real Madrid comes to Yad Eliahu.

In other Group A action last night, Olympiakos defeated Efes Pilsen 70-67 in Instanbul and CSKA Moscow beat visiting Real Madrid 90-77.

For Maccabi, Katash scored 25, Griffith 17, Derrick Sharp 12, Brad Leaf 11, Doron Sheffer 7, Nadav Henefeld 3, Borko Radovic 2 and Andre Zelinbaba 1.

For Limoges, Hugues Occansey scored 17. Grant Gondrezick 12. Chris Smith 11, Willie Redden 7, Frederick Weis 5, Maurice Smith 4, Jose Montero 3, Nenad Markovic 2 and Rony Coco 2.

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ner still finding its __roLeague takeoff : smooth, although y 10-6 in the first Trench national glehandedly took Hapoel out of the

First he fired up a three-pointer, then scored again, then added another three-pointer over a stunned H. Waldman.

Danilovic and Zoran Savic added baskets, Alesandro Abbio hit a three, and Kinder suddenly led 21.

Meanwhile Adi Gordon was having difficulty getting the rust off his shots. The Jerusalem captain, who sat out the first two league games, was way off form last night, hitting just 28% of his two-point attempts. While their outside game floundered, Jerusalem started having success going inside to Radisav Curcic. Too bad Curcic he wasn't

g) in the half. Daniel also showed some spark, scoring on a drive that pulled Jerusalem to within 25-24 with 6:25 to play to finally give the rela-

more accurate from the foul line (5-

thing to cheer about. Moments later, Jesse Rosenfeld tied the score at 28, and it looked like Jerusalem would make a game of it.

That, however, is when coach Gadi Kedar elected to take Gordon out of the game. The Jerusalem offense collapsed (35% on twopoint shots), and Kinder went on an 8-1 spurt, When Gordon did return, he got stuffed on a last second shot, usually his forte, Kinder going into the locker room with a welldeserved 40-31 lead.

Tight defense by Waldman and Daniel helped Jerusalem get within nine at 48-37, hut tough play inside by Kinder's Alesandro Frosini took the spark out of the Jerusalem rally. When the Kinder forward stuffed one home while left alone under the basket, it gave Kinder an insurmountable 57-41 lead with just over 11 minutes left.

Kenny Williams (16 points, 8 rebounds) battled hard under the Doron Shefa came off the bench to add five points, but Hapoel couldn't cut the lead to under 10 again. Continued bad foul shooting (66% overall) plagued the club, along with an inability to get any consistency from its outside game.

over 12 minutes to play didn't help either, the former Maccabi Tel Aviv sixth man ending up with just five points on the night. Danilovic was superb throughout, content to feed Savic or other players, and coach Attura Messina made ample use of his deep bench.

Losing Motti Daniel on fouls with

especially John Amaechi, a former NBA player who added 12 points Curcic (18) was high man for Gadi Kedar's cluh, which can at least be happy with the fact that they played far better than they had in losing their first two National

League games, and against a fine

Kinder squad that will be one of the

favorites to take the EuroLeague

While Jerusalem's maiden EuroLeague voyage wasn't a cruise, it wasn't the Titanic disaster, either. Judging hy last night's improved performance, next week's game against Ulker of Turkey should offer a better chance for smoother sailing, and for Jerusalem to gain its first EuroLeague victory.

In other Group C action. Barcelona defeated hosts Pau-Orthez 95-94 in overtime and Partizan Belgrade beat Ulker 95-86 in Yugoslavia.

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Barcelona	1	0	2
Partizao Belgrade	1	0	2
Kinder Bologna	1	0	2
Hapoel Jerusalem	0	1	1
Pag-Orthez	0	1	1
Ulker	0	1	ĺ

West Ham sign Pearce from Blackburn

Hill expected to join Jordan for 1998

ZELTWEG, Austria (Reuter) - Formula One world champion Damon Hill is expected to be confirmed today as Ralf Schumacher's team-mate at Jordan next season.

Austrian Grand Prix and said that team chief Eddie Jordan "will

They did not mention Hill and sources close to the team refused

to confirm or deny that the Briton would be announced as a member of the team to be powered next season by Mugen-Honda

LONDON (Reuter) - Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright was cleared of misconduct by the English Football Association

yesterday following incidents in a premier league match against

French team mate Patrick Vieira and Leicester's Steve Walsh were also cleared. Arsenal assistant manager Pat Rice was found guilty of making unseemly remarks to referee Graham Barber and

The match ended in a 3-3 draw with three goals scored in stoppage time. Wright, substituted in the final stages, ran onto the

LONDON (Reuters) - Bruce Grobbelaar and fellow goalkeeper Hans

Segers were charged yesterday by the English FA with breaching betting

But the association has dropped match-fixing charges laid against for-

Grobbelaar, Segers, former striker John Fashamu and Malaysian busi-nessman Heng Suan Lim were acquitted by a jury last month on charges

After the August not guilty verdicts, the Football Association said it

Its inquiry would focus on regulations about bringing the game into

disrepute and "accepting consideration with a view to influencing the

would be considering whether evidence given at the trial meant any

The team called a news conference for this morning at the

make a statement regarding drivers for the 1998 season."

Wright cleared of misconduct charges

pitch at the end of the game amid a melee.

FA charge Grobbelaar, Segers

mer Liverpool player Grobbelaar three years ago.

of trying to fix premier league matches.

player had breached its regulations.

Leicester on August 27.

LONDON (Reuter) - Premier league West Ham signed Blackburn defender lan Pearce for £2.3 million yesterday to replace Denmark's Marc Rieper.

Pearce, 23, will make his debut alongside Rio Ferdinand, the 18-year-old already seen by England as a future defensive lynchpin, against Newcastle tomorrow.

Rieper left West Ham for Scotland's Celtic last week and West Harn manager Harry Redknapp was initially interested in Nottingham Forest's Colin Cooper as a replacement. Pearce, a West Ham fan as a boy, played 57 times in the pre-

miership for Blackburn after joining them from Chelsea four

years ago. West Ham are sixth in the league.

elsea win; wins also for Slavia Prague, AEK Athens

N (AP) - Chelsea, one of the favorites to Cup Winners Cup. e part last night in a d, first-leg 2-0 win akian side SK Slovan

favorites like AEK and Slavia Prague also s up wins in 16 Cup ers games across the conti-

italian midfielder Roberto Di atteo put Chelsea ahead 1-0 in about 15 meters that beat Bratislava goalkeeper Miroslav Konig to his right.

From that point on Chelsea dominated the game and had 30 chances to score in what turned slowly into a lopsided match for Ruud Gullit's team as Gianfranco Zola, Gianluca Vialli, Gustavo Poyet and Dennis Wise all missed several chances.

Di Matteo opened the second half with another great scoring chance as his shot in the 46th from close in hit goalkeeper Konig.

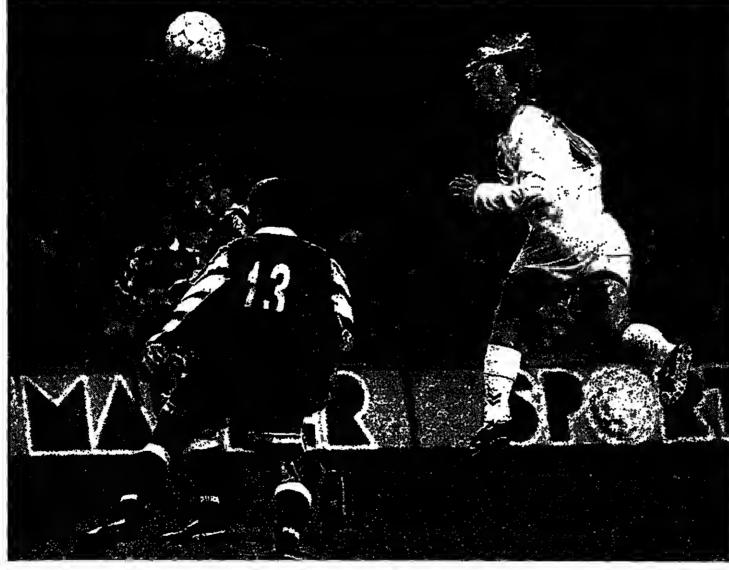
The second-half chances were even more numerous than the first with countless dangerous balls failing to find a finish until Danny Granville came through in the 80th minute.

Granville, in his first goal for Chelsea, settled the ball in the box with his left foot and then twisted and scored with the same foot from about six meters.

It was Chelsea's fifth straight victory this season.

AEK Athens humbled Dinamo Daugavpils of Latvia 5-0 as Harris Kopitsis scored twice on a penalty in the 37th and another in the 44th.

In Prague, Slavia Prague defeated Swiss side Lucerne 4-2



HEADING FOR VICTORY - FC Copenhagen's Stefan K. Hansen heads the ball into Ararat Yerevn of Armenia's net in the Danish club's 3-0 win in the Cup Winners' Cup match last night.

Karel Vacha, Robert Vagner and Dauwe gave Germinal Ekeren a Vladimir Labant In Ekeren. Belgium, a close

3.2 win over Red Star Belgrade. In Zagreb, NK Zagreb defeaton goals hy Sladjan Asanin, range strike from Laurent ed Norway's Tromson 3-2 on

berth in the National League.

Philadelphia.

The Braves reduced their magic

number to six over Florida for

winning a sixth straight division

title. Atlanta holds a six-game lead

in the NL East over the Marlins.

who split a doubleheader with

goals by Marin Lalic, Zaljko Sopic and Mate Baturina, Stein Berg Johansen and Ole Martin Arsi scored for Tromson.

Copenhagen, Copenhagen beat Ararat Yerevan 3-0 on goals by Todi Joensson, Lars Hoejer and Diego Tur.

McGwire hits 53rd homer

CHICAGO (AP) - Mark McGwire hit his 53rd home run of the season Wednesday as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Chicago Cubs 12-9 in US Major League Baseball. McGwire, who signed a three-

year, \$28.5 million contract with the Cardinals on Tuesday, homered leading off the third inning. The 53 homers tops his previous best of 52, which be hit last season

with Oakland. It's the most homers since 1961, when Roger Maris hit a record 61 and New York Yankees teammate Mickey Mastle had 54. Royce Claylon hit a two-run

homer in a five-run first, Gary Gaetti added a three-run double in the seventh, and Mike Difelice had a two-run homer in the ninth for the Cardinals.

Braves 10, Mets 2 In Atlania, the host Braves became the first major-league team to clinch six straight postseason appearances and also set a record with their 12th grand slam

of the year, using a nine-run first are assured at least a wild-card inning to cruise past the New York

Ryan Klesko hit the slam, Jeff Blauser added a three-run homer and Greg Maddux picked up his 19th victory for the Braves, who have been in the playoffs every completed season since 1991 and

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European stage far too big By DEREK FATTAL Two seasons have past since Barcelona annihilated Hapoel Beersheba in Europe, but old wounds were reopened last night, as

Hap. Beersheba again find

the hosts were treated to a merciless 4-1 onslaught by Holland's Roda JC Kerkrade, in the first round opening leg Cup Winners' Cup The Dutch side mesmerized the 5,000-plus audience with a force-

ful display of team football that exposed all of Hapoel's technical shortcomings, but most of all their lack of will to stand and fight.

Benny Tahak's men were simply too inept to even mark their opponents, nor did they move off the ball in the rare instances that they gained possession. Peter van Houdt got Roda off the mark on the quarter hour, then Gabor Torma - signed from Cercle Brugge made it 2-0 for Roda with a dazzling run at the Hapoel defense in the 24th minute. By now it was panic stations in the Beersheba defence. Houdt extended the lead in the 31st minute, from a pass laid on by Nigerian-born forward Garba Lawal - who was the target

of some racist heckling. There was more to come with Torma adding another goal eleven minutes before half-time. With the southerners still unable register one meaningful attempt on the goal at the other end of the park; the break came as a welcome relief.

After the interval Sharon Buchnik and Dudu Heffer were substituted by Yossi Benayoun and Ilan Vaknin.

The belated introduction of Benayoun who spent some mooths in Holland with Ajax last season added some fight to the hosts' play and a foul on Oren Sagron in the 63rd minute produced a penalty that Benayoun fired in.

Tough challenge for Maccabi TA against Hap. Petah Tikva

By ORI LEWIS

This weekend's soccer action is all about survival and the increasingly desperate situation in which Maccabi Tel Aviv find themselves the season moves into full swing.

The Tel Avivians are second from bottom of the table, a most unusual position for them, and they cannot afford any more slip ups if they want to gain some kind of momentum for the long hard slog which lies ahead. Tomorrow's match against Hapoel

Petah Tikva is a true test of character. Petah Tikva have notched three consecutive wins. Maccabi have gained only three points out of a possible 15 and their morale could not be at a lower ebb.

Petah Tikva have returned from a reasonably successful UEFA Cup foray to the Austrian capital where they managed to lose only 1-0 to Rapid Vienna. With Gabor Marton at the back

and forwards Motti Kakkon Yaniv Ofri and Eli Abarbanel looking hot, it will not be an easy task for the home side to keep the Petah Tikvans

Maccabi have suffered badly in defense with the absence of Gadi Bruner through minry and the loss of form to Amir Shelah. It will be touch and go, and a Maccabi success

Leaders Hapoel Jerusalem will attempt to keep on top of the chasing pack when they take on Bnei Yehuda at Hatikva Quarter, while Hapoel Tel Aviv are away to Hapoel Beit She'an

Only seven out of the eight matches of the sixth round, Betar Jerusalem will host Hapoel Beersheba, who were trounced 4-1 by Roda JC in the Cup Winners Cup last night, on Tuesday at Teddy

last flight, on Tuesday at Teddy Stadium.

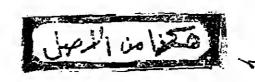
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Histadrut plans to keep up pressure on government

Some 1,000 Histadrut members are scheduled to demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Office at 10 a.m. on Sunday, in the latest stage of the labor federation's opposition to planned budget cuts, structural reforms in the economy, and pension changes.

This follows a week of demonstrations involving tens of thousands of workers throughout the country.

The demonstration will be considerably smaller than that planned, because the police said it would not allow thousands of protesters to gather by the key government buildings. The Histadrut expressed disappointment that the police had restricted the size of the demonstration, after having initially given permission for a larger gathering.

Among those participating in the action will be disabled and older people, with the Histadrut keen to make the point that it represents those often unable to help them-

Earlier in the week, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu launched an unprecedented attack against the Histadrut, saying its actions both today and under the previous government are a direct cause of mounting unemployment, and its action is only aimed at aiding higher income workers.

Others taking part in the march include representatives of the Public Works Department, which is facing closure and being



Parking was a free-for-all in Tel Aviv and seven other towns yesterday, as traffic wardens walked

replaced by private companies. While the workers are demonstrating, senior Histadrut leaders will meet in Jerusalem to discuss the health service funding crisis

and what future industrial action to take against the government. Disruptions were felt across the country yesterday, as thousands of

of stoppages. There was parking chaos as traffic wardens staged a one-day strike, allowing parking on a free-for-all basis in eight workers once again staged a series

NEWS

Protesting doctors continue sanctions

By JUDY SEEGEL

On Sunday, the country's doctors, who are protesting about the Treasury's failure to carry out an agreement on adding hospital staff and its plans to shrink the national health insurance system, will impose sanctions on the center of the country.

Outpatient clinics at the following hospitals will be closed: Ichilov in Tel Aviv, the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva, Assaf Harofeh in Tzrifin, Wolfson in Holon, Meir in Kfar Sava, Kaplan in Rehovot, Sheha at Tel Hashomer, Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, and Beit Loewinstein in Ra'anana.

In addition, outpatient clinics at these psychiatric and geriatric institutions will be shut down: Abarbanel in Bat Yam, Be'er Ya'acov, Beit Rivka, and Geha in Petah Tikva, Hartzfeld in Gedera, Lev Hasharon in Pardesiya, the Mental Health Center in Jaffa, Malben in Rishon Lezion, Nes Ziona, Pardes Katz, Shmuel Harofeh in Be'er Ya'acov, and Shalvata in Hod Hasharon.

The Israel Medical Association. which is organizing the work action, says it does not intend "at this stage" to disrupt the health system completely "out of concern for public health.

But IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said that there won't be any way to avoid additional strikes, if the Treasury continues to ignore the doctors' demands. The IMA and the Treasury

signed an accord last March increasing by 360 job slots over the next four years the number of public hospital doctors. But the IMA and the Health Ministry the Finance Ministry has reneged, insisting that the hospitals them-

selves must absorb the costs. The IMA said yesterday it is considering legal steps against the govemment for violating the agreement.

"The public know that the doctors are striking for the benefit of the patients. Their health and dignity are harmed when they lie in hospital corridors," it said. "We have reached a stage where

cials. From now on, we shall be saiisfied only with the signature of the finance minister himself, not that of his underlings. Before that happens, there's nothing to talk about." Treasury budget chief David

Milgrom said the IMA's strike "is strange" as the Finance Ministry "is carrying out all its commitments" regarding hospital manpower. We regard the shutting down of

vital services as baseless and unprecedented," Milgrom said. Meanwhile, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has approved regulations that require all public hospitals to report in detail hospitalizations and other medical activities. This will allow better and more effective supervision and help the ministry identify superfluous treatments.

The data collected will also be of great help to medical researchers, especially epidemiologists, the ministry said.

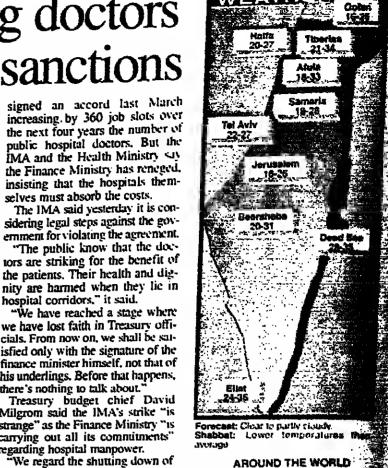
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Final approval of the regulations will be granted shortly. They will go into effect 90 days after being published in Reshumor.

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